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THE BIG DIG OUT

DPW director: 'The budget's busted'

By Neil Fater

As of Tuesday, Andover was already in the red over this winter's white stuff.

Before this week's monster storm, all but $90,000 of Andover's approximately $1.1-million snow-removal budget had been used for plowing and sanding. The remaining $90,000 was spent before the heart of this storm hit Andover, as more than 100 plow drivers were out on the streets early Monday morning.

"In this particular storm right here, we were spending about $9,500 per hour," said Jack Petkus, public works director Tuesday night. "The budget's officially busted.

"We called all our guys in at 4 a.m. on Monday and they've been in ever since. I've been here also," said Petkus, sipping a cup of coffee. "I got here at 5. Thankfully, the snow events are relatively rare and they don't happen all the time."

Petkus says the town had about 150 people working on snow removal during this storm, about 90 percent of whom drive plows. The rest operate front-end loaders and backhoes, he says.

Andover calculates its annual snow-removal budget based on what the town has spent on snow removal during the previous five years. Last year, the town did not spend

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Photo by Tim Jean

Joe and Mary Vidal of Kensington Street spent part of Tuesday shoveling snow over banks up to their eyeballs. Thousands of residents also struggled with power outages that left many without heat for the bulk of the day.

Blizzard socks town

By *Townsman* staff

It wasn't the Blizzard of '78, but thousands of Andover residents lost power for most of Tuesday, and the town was forced to open a temporary shelter Tuesday night at Andover High School to warm those without heat.

As expected, the March Nor'easter dumped approximately two feet of snow on Andover, promptly shutting down the town.

Most storefronts remained dark throughout the day, and there were more pedestrians than cars on the streets. Power lines and tree limbs hung across streets and yards in nearly every neighborhood. Even street lights on Main Street were dark until after 7 p.m.

Emergency crews were still busy Wednesday morning, as several calls came in for people with chest pains – quite possibly due to the unusual labor of snow shoveling, said Fire Deputy Lincoln Clark. EMTs continued to respond to those homes where power had not been on since Tuesday morning.

"Some elderly people were without heat overnight, so we're checking up on (them)," he said. "Some of our firefighters are delivering meals on wheels because we have the four-wheel-drive to get through (the snow)."

Over the course of 24 hours, the fire department responded to more than 80 calls, Clark said. In many cases, the six or seven firefighters would respond to a call, because they needed a number of people to help pass stretch-

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Council on Aging members comment

Will Hall: Does it have your support?

By Rebecca Piro

Where there's a Will, there's a way, say some passionate senior-center supporters. But is everyone still willing to go along with Will Hall as the next senior center?

After several meetings regarding the fate of the project, a handful of senior representatives and town officials say they still want to make Will Hall a reality. But not all senior leaders necessarily agree.

A feasibility study released in January revealed that some members of the private fundraising group Friends of Andover Seniors don't support their own project. When asked about their opinion of the plan to meet the need, only five of the 15 Friends professed outright that Will Hall is the right plan for a new senior center.

To find out where the Council on Aging stands, the *Townsman* called 11 members about the project. Over half of those reached by phone either expressed less than exuberance regarding Will Hall or declined to comment on the issue.

"I am in favor of public funding for a senior center. I have reservations about the town spending money for a building which is not on land that the town can control," says Council on Aging member Marty Epstein.

It's not Will Hall's merits that earned member Oscar Rosenberg's support. "I have to go along with it because I'm on the council," he says. "I figure we've got to go

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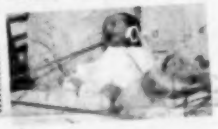

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PEANUT BUTTER BUYER

Peanut butter is just one of those things people can't live without.

That's what resident Rob Landrum was thinking, anyway, when he decided to beat a path to Market Basket during the middle of this week's first snowstorm.

The funny thing was that Market Basket was actually open.

"It's part of what we're about – customer service," said store manager Matthew Matson, who oversaw the dozen-or-so employees manning the mostly empty checkout lines and stocking the dark, deserted aisles.

Unlike some stores in the area, Shawsheen Square's Market Basket was not completely wiped out by frantic shoppers preparing for the storm Sunday and Monday nights, said Matson. On Tuesday, employees arrived ready for business around 7 a.m.

When the electricity went out, the generators revved up, powering the store with dim lights and cooling systems to keep the food fresh.

"It's just another day," said Ron Savage, front end manager. "We've seen probably 100 people today."

— Rebecca Piro

Photo by Tim Jean

A handful of supermarket shoppers had the place virtually to themselves on Tuesday, as most people stayed off the roads and out of the aisles.

DIFFERENT DOWNTOWN SCENE

During the Blizzard of '78, residents walked miles to gather for grub at Ford's Coffee Shop, a popular fixture on Main Street.

Ford's is no longer around – it was replaced by Bruegger's Bagel Bakery – and the downtown was nearly deserted for much of Tuesday. With power lost to the downtown from about 9:20 a.m. until 7 p.m. or later, even traffic lights had the day off. Gas stations could not pump gas, stores were closed, and most people stayed indoors.

Larry D's Village Deli on Andover Street was one of the few places to remain open, and like the manager of Market Basket, owner Larry DiStephano saw that fact as a promotional opportunity.

"We're better than the post office," he said.

OFFICIALS SHARING LAUGHS OVER THE BUDGET BATTLES

Perhaps it was the long hours of dealing with the storm. Perhaps it was cabin fever. Whatever the case, when town officials met at a shelter set up at Andover High School for those who had lost their heat in the storm, some lips became loose and officials shared a few laughs over the upcoming budget discussions.

Told that the firefighters union had offered to work a schools job for less than they have to according to their contract, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski couldn't resist poking fun at the group on the other side of the bargaining table from him.

"If you can get anything out of these tightwads, God bless you," he said to Superintendent Claudia Bach, needling Firefighter John McMullen.

Stapczynski also made a reference to the cash the school department wants in addition to his recommended budget. Fiddling with the change in his pocket he said, "I've got 53 cents. Would that help? That will buy a couple of pencils."

Fire Chief Chuck Murnane noted that the police department will discuss its budget requests with the selectmen after the fire department has its chance. "After me, they'll be nothing left," he joked.

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Devin McArthur cleans out a small window in a snow fort that he and his brother Sean built.

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News In Brief

A boxing story

A little cutting can make a world of difference as far as the Andover Recycling Committee is concerned.

Since July, Andover residents have been able to recycle corrugated cardboard boxes at the curb – along with No. 1 and No. 2 plastics and aluminum cans, and the usual newspaper, glass and steel cans.

But recycling committee member Candy Dann says some people have become frustrated because they've put large boxes out at the curb and they've been left behind. They reason for that is because residents must cut (or fold and tie) the cardboard so it fits into Waste Management's new truck. Cardboard should be folded flat and larger pieces cut into pieces "no larger than a pizza box," or smaller than two feet by three feet. Paperboard boxes (such as for cereal and shoes) are also recyclable.

Appointed rounds

The Andover Post Office asks that residents help letter carriers by clearing spaces around their mail boxes.

Report on the senate

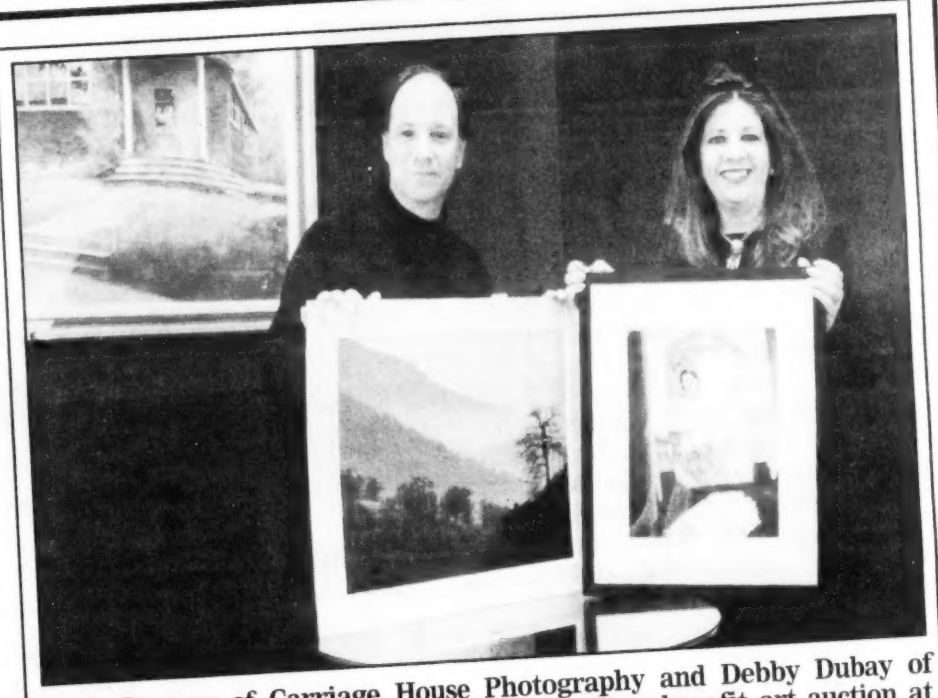
Merrimack Valley Chamber Of Commerce presents "Special Report: The State of the State Senate" with Merrimack Valley State Senators Sue Tucker, James Jajuga, Steven Panagiotakos and Bruce Tarr, and invited guest, President Tom Birmingham, tomorrow, Friday, March 9.

The breakfast costs $15 and will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Red Tavern in Methuen. Call 686-0900 for more information.

Catching parkers

On March 1, the Andover Police Department, in conjunction with the Andover Commission on Disabilities, initiated a program of handicapped parking enforcement that involves residents taking photographs of people illegally parked in spaces for handicapped drivers ("Hey! You can't park there," *Townsman*, May 27, page 1).

In July of 2000, the selectmen approved raising the fine for such handicap violations to $100. In January of this year, the state law governing this parking issue was changed, and the statewide fine was increased to a minimum of $100 and up to $300.



Mark Spencer of Carriage House Photography and Debby Dubay of Limoge Antiques will serve as auctioneers for a benefit art auction at Memorial Hall Library. The aution, originally scheduled for this Friday, March 9, has been postponed until April 6. Call 623-8400.

Web question

Last week's *Townsman* Web-site question was: The Andover Contributory Retirement Board has submitted a Town Meeting warrant article suggesting age 32 as the upper age limit for joining the Andover fire or police departments, to avoid people joining the departments later in life just to be eligible for the attractive pension. Do you support this idea?

Just over half the 41 respondents, 21, said, "No, there should be no age limit." Eight, or a fifth, said, "I support an age limit, but it should be higher than 32." Only two people said, "I support an age limit, but it should be lower than 32," while almost a quarter, 10, said "I support the proposed age limit."

This week's question is: **Are you satisfied with Andover's handling of the recent snowstorm?**

To vote, surf over to <www.andover-townsman.com>.

Quote, unquote . . .

'Congressman Meehan's talk was music to my ears, because education is now on the national agenda, and it just wasn't a few years ago. It was, 'Lawrence, Lowell, Andover, you do it yourself.'"

State Sen. Sue Tucker at U.S. Congressman Marty Meehan's "Regional Town Meeting on Education" on Saturday.(Story, page 15.)

'I will not vote to raise your taxes. I'm going to have the courage to say no to some groups."

Selectman candidate Tim McCarron talking about his priorities if he is voted into office this month. (Story, p. 15)

'It's just another day."

Ron Savage, front end manager at Market Basket, explaining why the store opened its doors Tuesday during the snowstorm while most other businesses remained closed. (Story, page 2.)

News Calendar

Thursday, March 8

Advisory Board Healthy Communities Tobacco Awareness, Old Town House, 20 Main St., 11 a.m.

League of Women Voters' "Financing Massachusetts Education Reform: Where's the Money?" speakers' panel and audience questions, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 9

Preservation Committee, site visit, 36 Prospect Road, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

Monday, March 12

Council of Aging Board, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

Redistricting Task Force, School Committee room, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m. *Televised.*

Tuesday, March 13

Preservation Committee, site visit, 33 Essex St., 4:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Committee room, 7:30 p.m. *Televised.*

Selectmen, senior center sub-committee, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28

Redistricting Task Force, School Committee room, 7 p.m.

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Storm socks Andover

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ers over tall banks of snow.

"It's a lot more snow than we've had in a long time," said Kathleen McArthur of 18 Argyle St., who was helping her husband Bruce shovel out the driveway late Tuesday morning while the flakes fell.

"We just promised ourselves that we'll get a snowblower this year," laughed Bruce McArthur.

The snow caused quite a bit of damage. According to Massachusetts Electric Co. spokesperson Debbie Drew, approximately 15,000 customers in the company's Merrimack Valley district went without power on Tuesday. She estimated that as many as 5,000 customers in Andover alone may have been in the dark.

"I can tell you that we have more than 100 crews in the Merrimack Valley district working through the night to restore power," said Drew. "That area was particularly hard hit with trees hitting lines."

Andover residents could attest to that, with electrical wires down throughout town, some hanging so low that they were a danger to vehicles trying to pass beneath them. Tree limbs snapped under the weight of the snow, making some people's hearts, like Charles Kenny's of 17 Argyle St., skip a beat.

"I'm lucky it didn't fall on me," he said.

The power outage concerned his neighbor, Bob Bobek of 19 Argyle St. Bobek's daughter and wife were inside the house, where the heat had not been on for about three hours. "They're inside slowly beginning to get cold," he said. "I have a wood stove. I don't have a lot of wood, though."

The town had originally planned to use the senior center as an emergency shelter for those evacuated from their homes. But when a transformer fire at Whittier Court knocked out the center's power, officials had to go to Plan B. They opened Andover High School and started transporting residents to the shelter around 5 p.m.

"(The power) was supposed to be coming on, and on, and on," said Marion St. Cyr, one of a dozen-or-so Frye Circle residents who spent a few hours at the shelter waiting for electricity. "When they said it wouldn't be on for another seven hours, I realized I didn't want to be there all by myself.

"I come here to vote. I never thought I'd be here for this," said St. Cyr.

"I haven't had any heat all day. It was freezing when we came in here," said Isabel Robertson.

The burden of lost power fell unequally on Andover residents: while most had their power back by Tuesday evening, and some only lost it for two or three hours, there were others, like the residents of Enfield Drive, who were still in the dark as late as Wednesday morning.

"We just got it back," said Gina DeFreitas of 30 Enfield Dr. at 10 a.m. Wednesday. She said her power went out at 4 a.m. Tuesday, making a grand total of 30 hours without electricity. She and her daughter spent the night with a friend. "I have a fireplace, and it was OK during the day, but I didn't feel like staying up all night to mind the fire."

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Trees down on Main Street.

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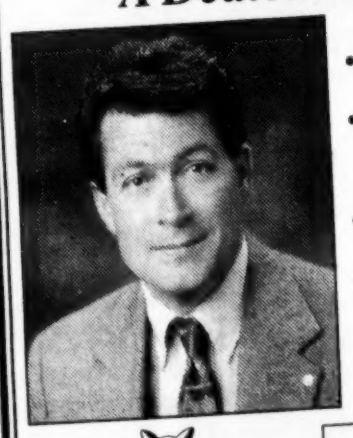

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According to Drew, of Mass Electric, electrical problems in the area were compounded by damaged transmission lines, the larger electricity pipelines that are owned by Mass Electric's sister company, New England Power.

"When those lines are affected, it affects service to customers of Mass Electric," she said. Drew said that transmission lines can be damaged by heavy snow, ice, and high winds, all of which were in abundance Monday night and Tuesday.

Andover Fire Chief Chuck Murnane said he had his hands full in the wake of the storm.

"It's extremely busy," he said Tuesday. "We've doubled our staff and we're barely keeping up." He said the department was scrambling to respond to calls concerning fire alarms, broken sprinklers, and electrical fires. Electrical fires are common in such situations, he said, because sometimes a home or business will only lose power in one of two lines that may supply it, forcing appliances to run off of less power and therefore burn out and catch fire more easily.

Downed wires were a particular source of concern for Murnane, who had words of advice for Andover residents in a situation like Tuesday's.

"Stay in, and don't touch any wires, even telephone wires," said Murnane. "Let the town yard and the town crews do their job. It's never good to touch any wire whatsoever in the street."

Many residents took the storm in stride. While they may not have had the luxury of electricity in their homes, there was plenty of elbow grease to go around as neighbors shoveled, snowblowed and snowplowed their way out of their homes.

Norman Leahy of Red Spring Road spent a few hours freeing his car, which sat in front of a truck with a snow plow attached to it – a broken snow plow.

"It's a little harder (to clear the snow) because the plow broke," he said. "I need to get a mechanic."

Children were still playing in the snow Wednesday morning, as school was canceled for the third day in a row. Schools Superintendent Claudia Bach made the decision to cancel Wednesday's school day early Tuesday night.

"The roads, according to the two chiefs, aren't really passable yet. A lot of people don't have power and that's another issue. I'm hoping we'll have school on Thursday," said Bach. "To have children standing out on the road, when there are no sidewalks clear, is dangerous."

Budget buster

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about $250,000 of the snow budget. "This year, we'll probably go the other way," says Petkus.

The Massachusetts Highway Department isn't broke, but its salt supplies were stretched thin on Tuesday, according to spokesman Doug Cope. He said the department has enough for this storm, but reports of more snow on the way Friday are a source of concern.

"(Mass Highway) Commissioner (Matthew J. Amorello) is doing everything he can to secure enough salt to get us through the next storm," said Cope.

He said that the situation on Interstates 93 and 495 around Andover was under control on Tuesday. "There are no delays or closures," he said. "The roads have all been treated and sanded. In that area at 2 p.m., we had about 940 pieces of equipment on the road."

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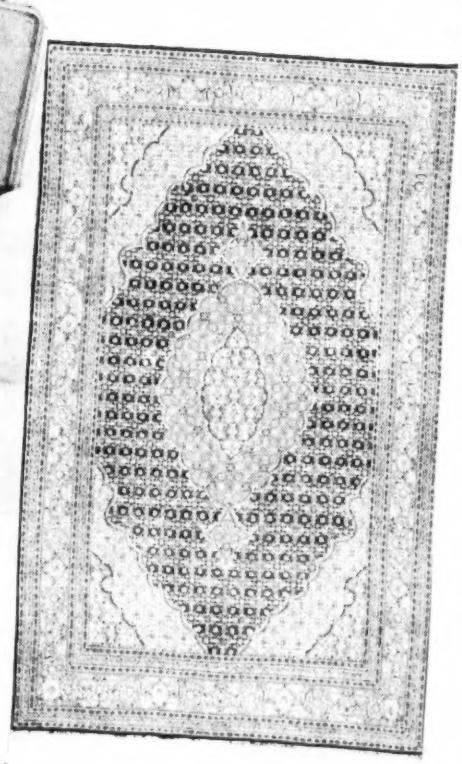

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Council on Aging members offer varying degrees of support

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somewhere."

The Council on Aging members who are uncomfortable with the Will Hall plan did not offer alternative proposals; however, it is questionable whether the leaders of the Will Hall effort would be interested in hearing them anyway.

Two weeks ago, Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden told the group that she thinks there are people in town who "haven't accepted Will Hall as a final decision."

"You mean they don't accept majority rule," quipped Robert Zollner in reply.

"I think we have to focus only on Will Hall," said Council on Aging Chairwoman Dorothy Bresnahan at the same meeting. "If you start throwing out alternatives," people will think the Will Hall plan has failed, she added.

If alternatives are presented to the community, "the hole gets deeper and deeper," resident Richard Bowen agreed.

At Annual Town Meeting, residents will have the opportunity to vote on an article that proposes the town agree to match $2 million that the Friends plan to raise with $2 million in public dollars. When the town would hand over the money, and on what the seniors would spend it specifically, has yet to be determined. But a decision that involves such a large public commitment raises several questions, says Marden.

"It reopens the whole issue of whether Will Hall is the best place to have a senior center," she says. "I'm not sure (the townspeople) have the information that says to them this is the best proposal we can come up with."

Strong support

There are Council on Aging members that strongly support the project.

"Will Hall seems to be the best strategy, if only because once the money is raised, we will have a (place) for a very significant percentage of our population that frankly deserves it," says member Bill Ryan.

The fact that the lease will be terminated in 30 to 40 years does not faze him. The new schools and safety center currently under construction will be obsolete by that time as well, he argues. "Why do we have to have a higher standard of approval for seniors to do what's right?" he says.

But the lease does worry Council on Aging member Zeff Marusich. "My concern is that we will not have 40 years from now something that we're going to spend $4 million on," he says.

Financial matters: The cost of Will Hall

The official cost to pay for the renovations to Will Hall is between $4.2 and $4.3 million.

Elder Services Director Jeanne Madden says that when seniors hired a new architect for Will Hall the construction cost was estimated at $4,265,060. At that time, the town gave seniors $500,000 to jump-start the project, and the Friends of Andover Seniors agreed to raise $3.7 million, she says.

But the $4.27 estimate does not include the cost of engineering, construction documents or furnishings, says Project Manager Phil Tuminelli. Escalated costs were figured in last year, and the project includes a six-percent contingency.

Payment for fundraising consultant Butcher, Nolan & Briggs is completely separate from the $403,000 that the Friends has raised to date, say senior representatives. Still, Selectmen Chairman Brian Major wants BNB's estimated cost figured into the overall project price for the next meeting. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13 at 4 p.m. in Town Offices' third-floor conference room. Tuminelli will provide estimates for furnishing and operating the facility.

"I want to make sure that when we're going into this, we're including all the pieces," says Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden.

Should the town choose to give more public funds to the project, Marden estimated Will Hall's impacts on residential property taxes. If the town gives $4 million to Will Hall, and if that $4 million could be worked into the budget without voting for a Proposition 2 1/2 override, the average resident would pay between $28 and $42, depending on the length of the bonding time. If the town was forced to turn to a Proposition 2 1/2 override, residents would pay those extra dollars above and beyond the cost of their tax bill.

If the town votes to give seniors only $2 million, as resident Richard Bowen proposes in his $2 million challenge-grant warrant article, residents would pay between $14 and $21.

— Rebecca Piro

Brief history of the Will Hall project

Seniors have been pursuing Will Hall for two years.

In 1999, seniors chose Phillips Academy's Will Hall as the site for a new center, after pursuing other sites on South Main Street and behind Doherty School. At seniors' request, 1999 Town Meeting voted to sign a 30-year lease with a 10-year option. Town Meeting did this after the Friends group recommitted to its agreement to raise the entire cost of the Will Hall renovation, minus $500,000 given by 1997 Town Meeting.

To date, the Friends group has raised less than $1 million, including the original $500,000 donated by the town. Phillips wants the money needed for renovation – which seniors say is $4 million – in hand by June 2002.

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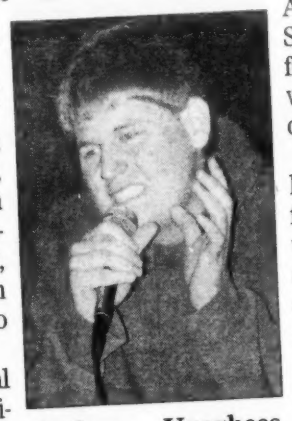
Andover High juniors ready to fight for Mr. AHS title

By Adam Groff

Residents can expect an entertaining Mr. Andover High School competition at the Collins Center on Friday, March 16, if for no other reason than the quirky array of songs from the 1960s, '70s, '80s, and '90s to which the various contestants plan to sing, dance or play an instrument — or do all three.



Andrew Voorhees sings Cutting Crew.

The 10th annual Mr. AHS competition, which raises funds each year for the junior class, will feature about 15 young men strutting their talent and charisma, or maybe just goofing around and having a good time. Faculty advisor Betsy Desfosse says the event is eagerly awaited each year.

"If you asked any kid to name the top three traditions at Andover High School," said Desfosse, "Mr. AHS would probably be one of them."

The competition has three parts: the first is "sportswear," where each contestant models an outfit, with a few flourishes and maybe even a mime or two, before introducing his female sponsor. The second portion is a talent exhibition, which this year looks as if it will feature a drum solo, a guitar solo, a piano performance, a poetry reading, and the aforementioned song and dance (including a tap dance). Some of these will include video accompaniment. The final portion is a recitation on the subject of the contestants' "dream date."

Hosting the proceedings will be 11th-grade personalities Erez Horovitz and Veronica Osorio, and judging the event will be Superintendent Claudia Bach, AHS Principal Peter Anderson, drama teacher Susan Sepich, Memorial Hall Librarian Pam McKinnon, and *Townsman* Reporter Adam Groff. The winner will receive a bouquet of roses, the Mr. AHS crown, and the coveted Mr. AHS trophy.

"The kids decided a few years ago not to have a big prize," said Desfosse, "because it's mostly for fun."

One of the judges happened

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Photos by Tim Jean

Trash entertainment — Jason Papadopoulos is pushed by sponsor Robyn Ginsberg before the camera of student photographer Tara Hancock. Papadopoulos will be playing guitar and singing Ben Harper on March 16.

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If possible, use quiet as opportunity

A whopping storm like Andover experienced this past week can be a terrifying, miserable experience for many, including the frail and elderly. Thousands, including the *Townsman* office, lost heat and power for 11 hours or more on Tuesday. Fortunately, many people stayed off the roads and there were few serious accidents reported.

But for some, in the right circumstances and with the right attitude, a storm like this week's can be the perfect opportunity to take stock.

Many people move to Andover because of its history and classic New England charm.

But sometimes we're all so busy working to stay here we rarely enjoy it. A day without power, and with little to do, can help force us to slow down and return to the basic lifestyle that was seen on these streets many years ago.

As residents looked out at trees so coated with snow they looked as if they'd been dipped in white chocolate, we hope some used this unexpected break from the usual hustle to spend quality time with their friends, neighbors and loved ones. Of course, this weekend should provide that same opportunity all over again. Let's take advantage of it.

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Photo by Paul Salafia

A quintet of well-fed geese, and a plow, make their ways on Andover Street during this week's storm.

LETTERS

Proposal goes against stated goal by dividing neighborhood

Editor, *Townsman:*

Mr. Gustus and the Redistricting Committee:

My three children currently attend Bancroft Elementary and Doherty Middle School. We have had the privilege of attending these schools for several years, and I had hoped my youngest child would finish fifth grade at Bancroft. I know we live on a district boundary so I am not surprised to learn that we are being considered for redistricting to West Elementary. However, I am surprised and disappointed by the Committee recommendations for middle school.

While the current group of 170 children in our geographic area would be redistricted to West Elementary, only a fraction of them, 22 children, would be also redistricted to West Middle School. This means that a significant portion of the children in our geographic area will return to Doherty, which is our current neighborhood middle school. My children and immediate neighbors will be a part of the children who will lose this important neighborhood connection when they are moved to West Middle School.

This recommendation is in direct opposition to the representations of the committee at last Monday's redistricting meeting. Member Annette Grams repeatedly stated that the committee's goal was to not divide neighborhoods when drawing redistricting options. Ms. Grams stated that one of the things the committee was "trying to be kind about" was not separating children from existing neighborhood ties. This is extremely important. Yet the committee has not recognized that they are doing exactly that when they separate a minority of our neighborhood children living on Longwood, Crescent, Olde Berry Circle and High Street and send them to a different middle school. At this point it is not a question of Doherty versus West, so much as it is a question of keeping an entire neighborhood intact.

Many parents in this area have voiced their acceptance of the redistricting to West Elementary for the very reason that an entire geographic area is being redistricted. Our children would attend West Elementary with their neighborhood friends. However, for the committee to then separate that same area when making the transition to middle school, and divide it so that only a minority is excluded from Doherty is, to use Ms. Grams' term, a "nasty" option.

For example, if this option is approved and implemented on schedule, there will be approximately seven fifth-graders who would be transferred to West Middle while their entire neighborhood remains at Doherty. Each year after that will see a similarly small number of children excluded from their neighborhood middle school. This option clearly does not represent the committee's goal to keep neighborhoods intact.

At the conclusion of last Monday's meeting, Ms. Grams boasted of the committee's "success" at bringing the High Street community fifth-graders back to Doherty so that they would be "going to the same middle school as the rest of their peers." With all due respect, the committee did not achieve this goal. We are a part of the High Street community and the committee has excluded our children from returning to Doherty "with the rest of their peers." When the committee divides out such a small amount of children from an existing neighborhood, so as to penalize them through exclusion, this option is not a success.

As a final note, there is some

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research that indicates that the largest decline in students' perceptions of the quality of school life occurs during the transition to middle school. Meeting students' social needs has a major impact on those perceptions. Middle-school students have a strong need for a sense of relatedness to others. Keeping these children connected to neighborhood ties and community friends as they make the transition between schools certainly keeps them connected to a core group. This is a major consideration at any age, but especially important to middle school transition. The committee's current option for our neighborhood is not only inequitable, it is in opposition to meeting these needs.

In view of the committee's stated goal to keep existing neighborhoods intact, I hope you will reconsider the option of Doherty Middle School for this small group of children on Longwood, Crescent, Olde Berry and High Street.

Kim McAvinchey
7 Crescent Drive

Team player Hender deserves select time

Editor, *Townsman:*

Ray Hender is a man of integrity, intelligence, and a sense of fairness. He possesses a unique ability to look at the bigger picture and focus on the specifics that need to be taken care of. If Ray Hender is elected as selectman, Andover will benefit from someone who has experience in financial management and who has understanding of the town on a variety of different levels. We will have a compassionate leader who will listen to people, take the time and initiative to analyze situations and make informed, responsible decisions.

He is a team player who will work hard to make the courageous and sometimes difficult choices that need to be made to achieve long-term success. Ray Hender has shown his willingness to serve his community in many capacities such as being treasurer of Friends for Andover Youth and as a member of the School Building Committee.

I urge the citizens of Andover to take a stand for leadership that will successfully help Andover strive to meet and exceed its goals in the 21st century. Vote for Ray Hender for selectman on Tuesday, March 27.

Diane Costagliola
15 Belknap Drive

McCarron's experience provides electoral edge

Editor, *Townsman:*

I am writing to offer my support and encouragement for Tim McCarron in his pursuit of one of two open seats with the Andover Board of Selectmen. Although all three candidates are undoubtedly qualified and sincere in

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Mom says her 'pocket' shouldn't be torn from neighborhood's fabric

Editor, *Townsman:*

It really infuriates me to think that after living in this town for 38 years, I do not have any say as to where my current fourth-grade, second-grade and kindergarten children will attend middle school and elementary school in 2002. After attending the redistricting meeting on Feb. 26, this is the feeling I left with.

I currently live on High Street, in the so called "pocket 22." My husband and I moved to this part of town because I wanted my children to go to Bancroft Elementary and Doherty Middle School. As it seems right now, we will be redistricted to West Middle School and West Elementary. My children have been attending and will be attending Bancroft for up to six years and we have grown to love the community to which we belong. All of our friends live here.

It seems to me that one of the main concerns of the redistricting committee was splitting up neighborhoods or communities, and I'm not quite sure what they consider our end of High Street to be, but I just wanted to let them know that we do consider ourselves part of the Elm Street/Walnut Street community.

My children have many friends who live in this community and who will, in 2002, go to middle school at Doherty. My child, entering the sixth grade, will go to WMS with children she doesn't know. If splitting up a neighborhood is something they are trying to prevent, then they need to re-look at "pocket 22" on the redistricting map and put us back into the core of Doherty.

It's interesting how they can consider us a neighborhood/community when they need to lower the number on the elementary level and switch us over to West with Elm/Walnut but they take us out of that community in the middle school. They need to look at the bigger picture and stop taking a little pocket here and a little pocket there and put some thought into the process. There is not a master plan and there isn't a flow process here that any of us can see.

I feel the redistricting committee is rushing through this process to come up with the final options to submit to the School Board Committee in April and I certainly don't think this is a process that can be rushed through. After all, the school is not opening for another year, possibly two.

As a parent I feel the responsibility to look out for what is in the best interest of my children, and I don't think that taking them out of their community is appropriate or necessary.

Siobhan Quinlan
173 High St.

Safety, transportation cited as reasons to nix redistricting option

Editor, *Townsman:*

It is with urgent concern that we call to the attention of readers recent considerations of the Redistricting Task Force to move elementary students from Washington Avenue, Pine Street, Lucerne Drive, and Gudrun Road out of Bancroft and into West Elementary. It is our opinion that such a move would be a huge mistake and do an enormous disservice to those whose interests we all must keep in mind – our children. This is in no way intended to slight the hard work of the task force. To be certain, we are grateful to those who have volunteered and worked hard at a difficult job. The members have before them a daunting task which demands our respect and support, but which will inevitably not please everyone. Nevertheless, we feel compelled to express our concerns and encourage others to do the same – public input is essential to this process.

Due to our proximity to the center of town, our streets have forever been a part of an in-town neighborhood, connecting on Summer Street, that provides for our families a vital sense of community. Families frequently meet one another, discuss our children and common school matters, and just visit during walks to the center. This often results in important and enriching relationships for both children and parents. Most who live in our neighborhood will agree that this experience is the essence of why we chose to live here. Splitting our children apart from this would be a significant loss to all of our families, especially to our young children.

We are equally alarmed by the safety and transportation concerns associated with redistricting our streets to West Elementary. This option would require our children to build a new community of school friends located on the other side of highly traveled major roads. However, maintaining that school connection will not be easy. No parent in their right mind would let a child cross Elm Street. In contrast, our kids currently play with, do homework with, and ride bikes to homes of their school friends with a fairly decent degree of safety. Redistricting our kids to West Elementary would, sadly, change all that.

As to transportation concerns, busing our children to West Elementary includes the crossing of at least four major intersections and unreasonably long bus rides for some pretty young kids. As it is now, the bus route from our streets to Bancroft is approximately 25 minutes. Now, double that distance to West Elementary and add four major intersections at rush hour – the bus driver may as well pitch a tent on one of our front lawns to get up early enough for that new route.

Clearly, keeping a neighborhood intact means a lot more than who goes to what block party and who socializes with whom. Obviously, any of us can hop in the car and visit our friends, regardless of where they live in town.

But let's not lose sight of the fact that "neighborhood" means more than that. It includes safety factors. Transportation issues must remain an integral consideration. And, finally, a child's sense of community is rightfully every parent's concern and must be considered.

Christine Erickson
109 Pine St.
Gina Ardagna
113 Pine St.
Annemarie Angelosanto
49 Pine St.
Sue Morin
49 Lucerne Drive
Laurl Matey
32 Washington Ave.

Couple finds space on ballot for Hess, also of Space Study Task Force

Editor, *Townsman:*

We are writing to endorse John Hess for Andover selectman.

As parents of children attending Doherty Middle and Andover High School, we look for a candidate with an understanding and commitment to the Andover Public Schools.

During the summer of 1998, John and Patrice were members of the Space Study Task Force. The roll of the task force was to research the school capacities and verify the projected school enrollments. The work done by it helped to lay the groundwork for the campaign last spring that resulted in a debt-exclusion vote to build two desperately needed schools in West Andover. John participated in the task force as a selectman and his analysis of the situation was thorough and thoughtful. We are certain he contributed significantly to the support garnered by all of the town boards for the building project.

To facilitate communication and long-term planning, the Strategic Planning Task Force, made up of members of the Finance Committee, selectmen and School Committee, was formed in the spring of 1999. The task force works to identify issues facing the town and to develop long-term solutions. We are confident John's participation will insure that all issues, including those of the school department, are discussed and addressed. As John Hess has done these past four years as selectman, he will continue to help Andover make tough decisions with wisdom and thoughtfulness. Please join us in supporting John Hess for selectman on Tuesday March 27.

Stephen and Patrice Minton
8 Ferndale Ave.

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their desire to serve the town, I feel strongly that Tim possesses the character and experience most needed by the Board of Selectmen at this time.

Like many others involved in local boards, commissions, youth groups and business organizations, I believe that each person has a civic responsibility to participate in the community in which they live. Whether you look toward his volunteer efforts with high-school and youth-sports programs or toward his time spent serving as a member of the Andover School Committee, it becomes obvious that Tim shares this belief, and leads by example.

Our community is faced with many important decisions over the next several years. Our seniors are working toward a permanent location, as are our youth. Tim's professional and community experience makes him uniquely aware that by working together, we can do better.

In closing, I would encourage your readers to do two things on Tuesday, March 27; the first is to vote, and the second is to elect Tim McCarron to the Andover Board of Selectmen.

Chris Huntress
17 Tewksbury St.

Town fortunate to have Hess

Editor, *Townsman:*

Andover is fortunate to have an incumbent candidate for selectman who enjoys the challenging work of governing a growing community and who wants to satisfy the citizens' needs and desires, while continuing to stay within in the town-mandated Proposition 2 1/2 limits. It isn't easy. At times there may be a position on which we don't agree, yet we know that John Hess brings to the table quality experience, unquestionable integrity, and commitment to a town that he has lived in for 27 years. With his wife, Kathy, he has raised two fine young men, and they actively participated in community activities from the minute they moved here.

John knows the ropes, takes and makes the time to serve, and is a careful listener and an independent thinker. We will feel confident that we have cast a vote wisely when we vote for John Hess for selectman on March 27. We hope you will too.

Margot and
George Bixby
25 Abbot St.

Wife confident in McCarron

Editor, *Townsman:*

As someone who knows him best, I strongly urge voters to elect Tim McCarron to the Andover Board of Selectmen. I was moved to write this letter after watching some of the last selectmen's meeting on cable television. At a time when many important decisions are on the table and major capital projects are in progress, the people of Andover need selectmen who can sift quickly through the smaller issues, reach consensus swiftly, and can effectively focus on the larger issues in our town.

I know that Tim's confident ability to make decisions, to be a strong advocate for people, and to express his own opinions and positions is what this board requires at this time. Tim has tremendous respect for the other two candidates who are running for seats on the Andover Board of Selectmen. He is a strong believer in making this a race based on principles rather than on personalities. I am confident that his strong personality, his vision for our town, and his integrity will enable him to represent our community effectively and to govern with honesty and respect.

Lauren McCarron
33 Marland St.

Hender: Sound financial leader

Editor, *Townsman:*

We are writing this letter to endorse Ray Hender for selectman in the March 27 election. We believe Ray's strengths will be invaluable on the board.

Ray's 25-year career in financial services equips him with in-depth knowledge of finance, economics and accounting. As Andover's town budget continues to grow each year and competing priorities tug on the town's purse strings, we need Ray's analytical skills to develop new and creative solutions. He will make wise and fiscally responsible decisions in the town's best interest.

Ray is an effective listener who will work well with town boards and department heads. He believes the selectman's role is to represent all Andover residents. Ray will seek community input and thoughtfully weigh differing points of view before determining a fair course of action.

Ray is attuned to the needs of our school-aged youth and works hard in their behalf. He has a child in the Andover schools, is a member of the new schools building committee, and along with this wife, Diane, actively participates in many town organizations.

We urge voters to consider Ray Hender for selectman. He will devote the time and energy needed to perform the job well.

Ron and Janis Hill
15 Abbot St.

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Education

Hair-raising, star-gazing and other dream-making grants

By Adam Groff

Eighth-grade students at Doherty Middle School will soon have an experience that will make their hair stand on end. They and other Andover middle-school students will clutch electrostatic generators to learn about electricity, and benefit from other improvements to their science programs, all made possible by grants awarded last Tuesday.

At a meeting of the Andover schools Science Council, four Peggy Corbett Fund grants were handed out to five Andover middle school science teachers. Ann McNamee, Steve Sanborn and Pat Tivnan of Doherty each received a Corbett grant and Ann Levinson and Roxanne Plaskon of West Middle School will share one. The awards were distributed by Andover resident Christopher Corbett of the Corbett Family Foundation, which was set up in 1998 in memory of Christopher's wife, Peggy, an area high school chemistry teacher.

Photos by Tim Jean

Study in motion — Roxanne Plaskon and Ann Levinson receive their award from Christopher Corbett.

Electric greeting — Steve Sanborn shakes hands with Superintendent Claudia Bach.

Corbett explained in his remarks at the ceremony that Peggy, who died in a scuba accident in 1998, was passionate about preparing students for careers in science and concerned that many students lose interest in science beginning in middle school. Therefore, he and his three children decided to create the Peggy Corbett Fund to encourage the efforts of middle- and high-school science teachers in the Merrimack Valley.

Corbett, a Salem Street resident, said he and his family have lived in Andover for 34 years. Peggy started out teaching middle-school science, and then moved on to high school, holding her last two positions at the Belmont Hill School in Belmont and the Brooks School in North Andover.

"She felt that kids lost interest in science in middle school," said Corbett, "because the classes perhaps become more dry, and they miss the field trips they took in elementary school."

Therefore, the Peggy Corbett Fund seeks to encourage math and science teachers in grades 6 through 12 to "rise above the routine to find innovative ways to engage their students in the excitement and potential of scientific endeavors," according to the fund's mission statement. The fund pays for professional development programs and "mini-grants" for specific class projects.

Accordingly, Steve Sanborn, chair of the science department at Doherty, received a grant on Tuesday for the purchase of a Van de Graaff generator to aid in teaching the basic properties of electricity. And what is a Van de Graaff generator?

"You probably know it from the famous hair-standing-on-end trick," said Sanborn. The device is an electrostatic generator in the form of a metal sphere with a rubber belt inside that rotates, generating high voltage that will make a person's hair stand on end when the person touches the sphere. Sanborn said that because the machine generates low amperes, the high voltage is not dangerous. He said he will use the generator in his eighth-grade units on electricity and magnetism, and it will save him the trouble of having to occasionally borrow the Van de Graaff generator at the high school.

Pat Tivnan, also of Doherty, received a grant to arrange a one-day visit from the portable Starlab Planetarium from the

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Andover Fund for Education looks to create buzz around bee

By Adam Groff

Want to see teachers, administrators, businesspeople, and civic leaders on the hot seat, answering tough questions? No, it's not another MCAS Challenge. It's the fourth annual Andover Fund for Education Spelling Bee — and at the bee, the answers are public.

AFE board member Joan Cohen is encouraging teams to register early. Teams of four people may register for a donation of $200, which benefits the AFE and the educational grants and special projects it supports. According to AFE treasurer Bill Kane, about half a dozen teams have registered, and there is room for up to 30 teams.

The adult bee will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in Doherty Middle School's Memorial Auditorium.

"It is just such a lot of fun," said Cohen, who enthused about the spirit and creativity of the teams of selectmen, faculty members, librarians, and other Andover faces who, along with their supporters, are encouraged to dress in wacky costumes for the event. In fact, there is a spirit award, separate from the spelling awards, for costumed participants. Last year's spirit-award winner was the team from Bancroft Elementary School, called itself the Spell Chicks and wore bright yellow chicken costumes. Also featured, said Cohen, were the West Middle School Hayseeds, wearing overalls and carrying pitchforks.

Pecking order — Adult spellers, like those from Bancroft School last year, will fight to see who has the best ability, and the most enthusiasm, at this year's spelling bee.

The top spellers last year were the teams from Phillips Academy and Doherty Middle School.

The bee will be moderated by Andover School Superintendent Claudia Bach and Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson, while judging the event will be AFE founder Fred Fitzgerald, *Townsman* Editor Neil Fater and State Sen. Sue Tucker.

The Andover Fund for Education has funded more than 50 programs in Andover public schools since its founding. Most recently, a $1,000 award has been endowed in Fitzgerald's name for an AHS senior who exemplifies all-around excellence in education. It will be awarded for the first time this spring, said Cohen.

To register for the AFE Spelling Bee, contact Bill Kane at 470-4608. Registered teams will receive a copy of the Paideia study guide, published by the Scripps Howard Co. especially for spelling bees. Information is also available from Scripps Howard online at <www.spellingbee.com>.

SchoolTalk

"Moving on... what to expect when your child moves to middle school," a discussion co-sponsored by the **766 Special Education Parents Advisory Council** and the **Andover Special Education Department**, has been rescheduled from its original date of Wednesday, Feb. 28 to Wednesday, March 21, at **Doherty Middle School** cafeteria at 7 p.m.

This meeting is open to all parents but is particularly geared for parents of children in grades 5 to 8.

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Kindergarten registration for all Andover children who will enter kindergarten for the first time will be held next month. Children must turn 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2001, to register for kindergarten. Here is the registration schedule:

- **Shawsheen School**, Monday, April 2;
- **West Elementary**, Tuesday, April 3;
- **Sanborn School**, Wednesday, April 4;
- **Bancroft School**, Thursday, April 5; and
- **South School**, Friday, April 6.

All registrations will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Kindergarten packets were mailed to prospective kindergarten parents the first week in March.

If you did not receive a packet, call the assistant superintendent's office at 623-8506 and leave your name and mailing address.

To register, parents must present the child's birth certificate, proof of residency in Andover (such as a mortgage payment, lease/rental agreement or proof of ownership) and copies must be made available to school officials. They will be made a part of the student's file.

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An adaptation of *The Little Mermaid* will be presented by **South School** students March 16 and 17, 7:00 p.m., at **West Middle School**.

Tickets are $7, available at **Strawberry Tree, Learning Express**, and at the door.

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The **Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange** recently held an awards ceremony for winners of the group's Mid-Autumn Festival Drawing contest.

ACCE sponsored the contest as part of a moon festival celebration, a Chinese holiday that occurs during the fall.

The children were given drawings of the main characters associated with the festival and they added their original designs.

Linda Shen, ACCE president, and **Jennifer Yeh**, treasurer, presented awards to:

Ashley Li, first place; **Anthia Mo**, second place; and **April Mo**, third place; honorable mentions to **Bianca Capone, Julia Ren Jackson, Jonathan Yeh, Debrah Naymer,** and **Rebecca Naymer**, in the first-grade and under category; **Chris Wu**, first place; **Elizabeth Dimodica**, second place; **Bronia Goldman**, third place; honorable mentions to **Stephanie Dimodica, Leah Totten,** and **Maggie Chen** in the second and third-grade category; **Hanna Tazdi**, first place; **Alice Wu**, second place, and **Teddy Chen**, third place, in the fourth and fifth-grade category.

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Teens in grades 6-12 can drop by **Memorial Hall Library** next Thursday, March 15 for Nail Art, any time between 3 and 4 p.m. in the Library Activity Room.

Participants will learn to decorate their fingernails with designs for St. Patrick's Day or spring.

◀ Market investment — Sixty-five students from Andover High have qualified for the state's District Marketing Conference to be held March 11 to 13 in Marlboro. The students are members of the school's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), which organizers say is the only national organization to attract young people in careers in marketing, management, entrepreneurship, and financing. Shown in no particular order, the following students placed first at the recently-held district conference: Millie Gerstein, Kristina Araujo, John Rocker, Shawna Foley, Kristen Leonard, Jeff Volinski, Philip Martin, Danielle Huntley, Luke Larsen, and Ryan Hayes. These students placed second: Brittany Borrell, Alia Mohammed, Brett Konjoian, Justin Ordman, Todd Putnam, and Sunita Singh. These students placed third: Lisa Iannelli, Karen Whelan, Andy Jenkins, Tom Aufiero, Justin Leider, Christoph Krey, and Patrick Roy. DECA advisers are Jo Ann Sarnra and Joe Spanos.

◀ Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange award winners stand with Linda Shen, president, and Jennifer Yeh, treasurer.

Local Scholars

The following students at **Phillips Academy** have been named Finalists in the competition for 2001 National Merit Scholarship awards, which recognize high scholastic achievement. The selection of some 7,900 Merit Scholarship winners nationwide is now in progress and will be announced in the spring. The students are:

Pyounghyun Ahn '01, son of Sung Wook and Imkyoung Ahn of Andover;

Michael Ashley-Rollman '01, son of Swan Ashley of Andover and Charles Rollman of Sudbury;

Rebecca Dann '01, daughter of Ronald and Carolyn Dann of Andover;

Adrea Lee '01, daughter of Clement and M. Estelle Lee of Andover; and

Kelsey Peterson '01, daughter of Scott and Frances Peterson of Andover.

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Benjamin Davis, Olivia Leitermann, Melanie Shaw, and **David Wholey**, all students at **Andover High School**, have been selected as finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Selection as a National Merit Finalist was based on junior year PSAT and SAT scores, academic performance, and school recommendations.

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Andover students on the first semester honor roll at the **Pingree School** in South Hamilton are: seniors **Rebecca Hellmann** and **Eric Peikin**; juniors **Brian O'Neill, Dana Swartz,** and **Aaron Nossiff**; and sophomores **Carolyn Cronin** and **Diana Stapinksi**.

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Moriah Heller of Andover, a freshman at **Our Lady of Nazareth Academy** in Wakefield, has been named to the honor roll for the second marking term.

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Two students from Andover have been named to the first and second quarter honor roll at **Holderness School** in Plymouth, N.H.

John Wheeler and **Fordy Sinkinson** posted academic averages of 85 or better.

Wheeler, a junior, is on the school's cross-country team, which placed fourth out of 25 team at the New England prep school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Wheeler of Andover.

Sinkinson, a junior, is a soccer player at the school. He is currently a member of the Waterville-Holderness ski team, competing on several local race circuits.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. Sinkinson of Andover.

Starlab and more

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Museum of Science in Boston. According to Tivnan, Starlab is an inflatable planetarium that can be set up in the gymnasium for an exciting seventh-grade block of instruction on astronomy; she said she will probably have to arrange the visit for September, despite the protestations of her students this year.

For Doherty sixth-grade science teacher Ann McNamee, the award will purchase a set of 30 copies of *Micromysteries: Stories of Scientific Detection* by Gail Kay Haines, for her classroom. McNamee said that the text focuses on the lives of modern scientists and inventors such as Nobel Prize-winning geneticist Barbara McClintock and inventor Charles Goodyear, namesake of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and discoverer of vulcanization. McNamee hopes to enrich her course with this literary and human perspective on the sciences.

"This book personalizes these people," she said. "It shows that they are everyday people doing extraordinary things."

From West Middle School, Ann Levinson and Roxanne Plaskon jointly received a Corbett grant for the purchase of Vernier graphing and data-collection software and hardware for the school's portable computer lab. Levinson and Plaskon both teach chemistry and physics, while Levinson also teaches algebra in the math department.

The two collaborate for an interdisciplinary eighth-grade unit on kinematics, or the study of force and motion. Part of the equipment is a motion detector connected to software that will generate a distance-over-time graph when students move in front of it.

"It teaches both Newtonian physics and graph interpretation," said Plaskon. She said the physics of motion will apply to her science class, while the graph interpretation will apply to Levinson's math class.

Corbett said that grant applications are reviewed by his three children; Andover resident and microbiologist Taz Stafford; and School Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood, who was a close friend of his wife.

This is the first year that Peggy Corbett Fund grants have been awarded to Andover public school teachers; previous awards have gone to teachers and programs in Lawrence and at Phillips Academy.

"I want to thank the Corbett family for including Andover," said Assistant School Superintendent Marinel McGrath, who introduced Corbett at Tuesday's event. "Their generosity is enabling another group of people to instill that passion in kids and keep (Peggy Corbett's) dream alive."

18 candidates vie to be Bancroft's next principal

By Adam Groff

Applications for the job of Bancroft Elementary principal are due by tomorrow, March 9, and Assistant Superintendent Marinel McGrath said last week that about 18 have so far been received. She said they hope to have the hiring process completed by mid-April.

The position is opening because on July 1 current Bancroft principal Norah McCarthy will assume the position of principal of the new middle school under construction at Cross Street and High Plain Road. The new school is not scheduled to open until the fall of 2002, but Superintendent Claudia Bach has said she wants a principal in place to oversee construction activities. Last month she gave McCarthy the job.

Now, says Bach, the administration is turning to the business of filling McCarthy's seat.

"We've met with the (Parent-Teacher Organization) and faculty at Bancroft," said Bach, "and we asked them to identify what they're looking for in a principal, their skills, experience, and character attributes. We'll incorporate those comments into our search."

Town seeking replacement for Norah McCarthy

In a letter to Bancroft parents on Feb. 13, town Human Resources Director Candace Hall solicited six to eight parent volunteers for a search team, of which McGrath will be the head. This team will review applications during the week of March 12 through 16, and candidate interviews will begin on March 20.

Three to four finalists, said McGrath, will be invited to Bancroft for receptions, scheduled to take place the week of April 2. There, parents will be able to meet the finalists and then forward comments to Bach before she makes a final decision.

Bach and McGrath will also travel to the finalists' districts to visit and ask questions. "It's fair to say it's a nationwide search," said McGrath.

Senior Safari dance on Friday benefits after-graduation bash

Senior Safari 2001 will host its final fundraising dance at Andover High School tomorrow, Friday, March 9. The dance will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. in the AHS cafeteria and is open to all AHS students. Anyone wishing to bring a guest must buy a guest pass during lunch that Friday. Admission is $5.

Senior Safari is an all-night substance-free graduation celebration, which will be held immediately following AHS graduation Monday, June 4. This will be its ninth year. Senior Safari committee members are planning an evening for graduates featuring music, dancing, games food, fortune-telling, hairstyling, handwriting analysis, hypnotism, caricature portraits and much more. Through the efforts of volunteer parents and community members, the AHS field house will be transformed into a lush African jungle complete with tropical greenery, animal-themed decorations, and stone sculptures.

Anyone available to help chaperone should contact Mary Jane Dennehy at 409-1333 or Cornelia Kessler at 623-7028.

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Although brushing takes the lead in the fight against food and plaque buildup - the main cause of decay and gum disease - it is important to do it correctly for maximum results. We'd be happy to show you the most efficient, effective way to brush (and floss) your teeth when you visit us for a cleaning at **296 Lowell Street, Rt 133** (with easy access off **Rt 93**). A sure investment in your future is a visit to your dentist today. For an appointment, please call us at **475-2431.**

P.S. In the rural South of this country, people once used the twigs of the sweet gum tree to clean their teeth.

LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 12-16:

Elementary schools

Monday: Baked chicken nuggets, chocolate chip pancakes, pizza stick with soft pretzel, peas, pears, and milk.

Tuesday: Nachos with cheese sauce, toasted cheese sandwich, slice of pizza, potato puffs, peaches, and milk.

Wednesday: Barbecue chicken with mashed potato, mozzarella sticks, hot dog, corn, cranberry sauce, apple pudding, and milk.

Thursday: Meatball sub, french toast sticks with sausage, cheeseburger , potato puffs, peaches, and milk.

Friday: Spaghetti with marinara sauce, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, salad with dressing, fresh fruit, cookie, and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Baked macaroni and cheese, Chicken McSchool, nachos with cheese sauce, peas, pineapple, and milk.

Tuesday: Roast pork dinner, baked chicken nuggets, two toasted cheese sandwich, green beans, applesauce, and milk.

Wednesday: Two beefy burritos, mozzarella sticks, slice of pizza, carrots, peaches, brownie, and milk.

Thursday: Barbecue chicken, Chicken McSchool, cheeseburger on a roll, corn, cranberry sauce, and milk.

Friday: Fish sandwich with fries, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, salad, fresh fruit, cookie, and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Chicken broccoli & ziti, spaghetti & meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, apples, oranges, veggie, and milk.

Tuesday: Two hot dogs, pasta Ilio Olio, stuffed crust pizza, fresh fruit, veggie, and milk.

Wednesday: Roast pork dinner, rotini with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, brownie, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Thursday: Sloppy Joes, spaghetti & meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fresh fruit, veggie, and milk.

Friday: Two toasted cheese sandwich, rotini with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, Jello, and milk.

Menus subject to change.

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Principal Peter Anderson of Andover High School will present his

"STATE OF THE SCHOOL" Address on Monday, March 12 at 7pm in the AHS Media Center

His talk will include:

- his assessment of AHS including staffing, curriculum and student needs.
- identification of areas of concern.
- means of addressing these areas.

AHS and middle school parents are urged to attend this important and timely meeting.

News

McCarron, Hess, Hender

Select your man

By Rebecca Piro

Facing a room full of senior citizens, the three selectmen candidates running for the two seats on the March 27 ballot were put on the spot Friday regarding their stance on the Will Hall project.

To date, supporters of Will Hall have raised less than one-quarter of their $4 million goal – and with the lease deadline drawing closer, the project was the hottest topic at the "Meet the Candidates" presentation, hosted by the Andover Senior Center.

Asked by moderator Judy Trerotola to outline his agenda and address the needs of seniors, teacher and former School Committee member Tim McCarron said, "The senior question – that's the reason we're here."

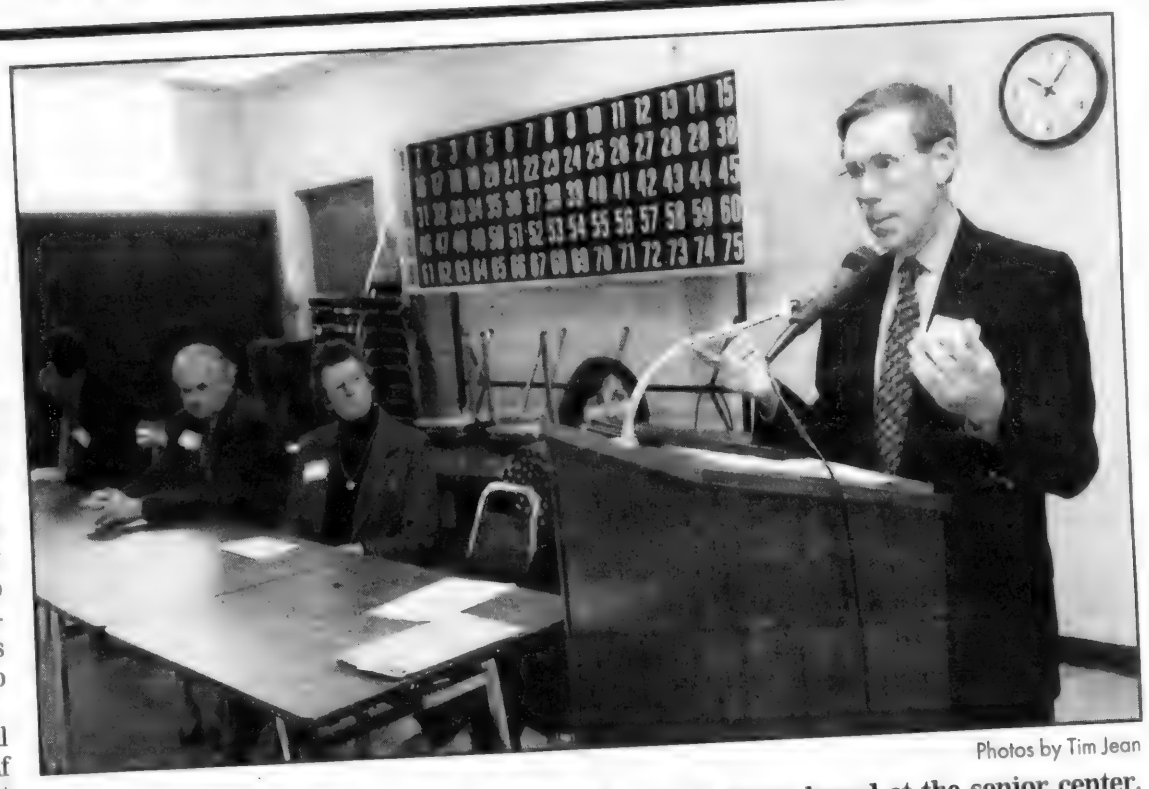
McCarron said he will not vote to give more public money to either the senior-center project or the youth-center project – if the Andover Youth Foundation also founders in its fundraising – as they currently exist. If the two projects were to come together on a community-center idea, McCarron believes the town has a responsibility to help them.

"If Will Hall is not successful (by the June 2002 deadline), if you need another alternative, it is a charge of this town to step up to the plate," McCarron said.

If he had been involved in the decision-making process years ago, McCarron said he would have advocated a "capital projects fund," where money for a senior center could be set aside and saved – an idea he compared to the proposal to set aside $3.6 million now to purchase the 46.7-acre Reichhold Chemical property in a few years, an issue to be voted at Town Meeting.

"In future endeavors, I will advocate for us working collaboratively, rather than individually," he said.

Council on Aging Chairwoman Dorothy Bresnahan opposed him.



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Selectman challenger Ray Hender speaks in front of a bingo board at the senior center. Two of the three candidates' numbers will be called by voters later this month.

Incumbent John Hess

"(The youth and seniors) are on two opposite spectrums. We don't want to be in the same building as the youth," nor do the youth want to be housed with the seniors, she said.

Candidate Ray Hender, who said he is well aware of the "dilemma" with Will Hall, did not offer a solution. "I admit to not having an answer for that," he said.

However, he thinks that the community's commitment to Will Hall stands firm.

"A deal was made three years ago at Town Meeting between the Friends and the selectmen. It's a contract, and I believe in honoring contracts." If the Friends cannot raise the money, Hender would like to see the seniors step forward with a new plan.

Hess reminded the crowd that he supported the senior-center project from the beginning, though "we're now at a point where the senior center didn't progress as quickly as it should have," he said. If the seniors cannot meet the lease deadline, the town and seniors need to regroup. Until then, "Good luck," said Hess.

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Challenger Tim McCarron

Congressman says educational debate will test new Bush Administration

Meehan supports more money for schools' special ed, tech

By Adam Groff

To improve its public educational system, America should provide more special-education funding, hire and retain quality teachers, and upgrade schools' technology, US Rep. Marty Meehan told an audience of about 70 residents and officials from Andover, Lawrence, and surrounding communities on Saturday.

Standing next to a visual aid reading, "2.4 million teachers will be needed in the next 11 years because of teacher attrition, retirement, and increased enrollment," Meehan told the group at Memorial Hall Library that there will be "a major debate" surrounding education in the coming months in Washington. He said the debate will test the bipartisan tone of the new Bush administration.

Regarding the costly issue of special education, Meehan said that additional federal funds could be made available if the government were to live up to the promise of the 1975 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which pledged to reimburse schools for 40 percent of the cost of special education; Meehan said that currently, only about 15 percent of those costs are reimbursed.

"If you want to leave no child behind," he said, "you need to increase that 15 percent reimbursement to 40 percent."

Meehan advocated building "more and better schools" in Massachusetts, and touted the benefits of small class sizes. He said the federal recommendation for optimal class size is 18 students, but that less than 16 percent of students in his Fifth Congressional District, much of which is in the Merrimack Valley, are in classes of 18 or fewer.

To address the related problem of teacher shortages, Meehan recommended bonuses for teachers who stay at their jobs for more than a few years, and he advocated teacher mentoring programs.

Joining Meehan at the front of the room for his Regional Town Meeting on Education were State Sen. Sue Tucker and Andover School Superintendent Claudia Bach.

When it was Sen. Tucker's turn to speak, she praised the education initiatives in Washington.

"Congressman Meehan's talk was music to my ears," said Tucker, "because education is now on the national agenda and it just wasn't a few years ago. It was, 'Lawrence, Lowell, Andover, you do it yourself.'"

She said that the pressing education needs in the state, combined with recently approved tax cuts and a slowing economy, could spell real trouble in Massachusetts.

"We need to worry," she said. "We need a partnership with Washington."

Addressing concerns about MCAS testing, Tucker recapitulated the theory behind the state's 1993 Education Reform Act, that in return for billions of dollars of education funding, local schools must "show it's paying off."

"And testing is the only way right now," she said. "In the political world, testing equals accountability."

Bach said that she hoped Andover's school situation would be instructive, because even though the district is more affluent than many, it has the same problems Meehan addressed.

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Selectmen

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Top priorities

Before she introduced the selectmen, the moderator also asked each man to list his goals and priorities, as well as how he would address the needs of seniors.

Hess, running for his third term, pointed to the Strategic Planning Task Force as a priority. He acknowledged tax troubles among senior residents who may have lived in town for years, but are now struggling with increasing tax bills. "It's an important process, trying to solve some of the toughest budget issues we have," he said. He also plans to continue the selectmen's practice of recognizing at least one group of volunteers per month.

Hender, a member of the new schools building committee, explained that he does not have an "agenda" in coming to the board, because he believes that such things prevent unity among board members.

"The Board (of Selectmen) needs to listen to the needs... liabilities, and problems of the community, set the priorities and get that done, within the limits of the resources. That's my agenda," he said.

McCarron, a school teacher and a former School Committee member, said he wants to maintain the high level of services Andover provides, especially in the education system. He said he wants to help the town set priorities, such as seeing the safety center and schools projects through, and seeing the youth and senior projects resolved. However, he also said he wants to do all these things within existing budgetary constraints, without raising residents' taxes.

"I will not vote to raise your taxes," he said. "I'm going to have the courage to say no to some groups. I want to see us as a town that sets its priorities."

Photo by Tim Jean

Tim McCarron addresses the senior-center audience last week.

Uncontested races

Contested or not, the candidates for this month's town election put their priorities on the table for those who attended the "Meet the Candidates" presentation Friday morning at the Andover Senior Center.

The only race for the upcoming election is for two selectmen's seats, for which three people are running, but School Committee incumbent Tina Girdwood and town moderator incumbent Jim Doherty also made a statement regarding their agendas for their upcoming terms.

Joking that his pay as moderator breaks down to about 35 cents an hour, Doherty told the audience that the town's form of government is "sacred" to him, and he has served as the moderator for more than 20 years because he loves it. He said proof of his ability is apparent in his Finance Committee appointments. Doherty said he is pleased with all of them.

Because Doherty has remained moderator for so long, one resident asked if Doherty has thought at all about what happens when he steps down. "You've done such a wonderful job, and you've learned it through the years," said Zeff Marusich.

"If and when you decide to leave the job, someone coming on is not going to be known by the people," said Marusich, suggesting that Doherty should think about training someone in the meantime.

Doherty said he's considered the issue, but has not been able to think of anyone "above the frost line" who is right for the job. "I am looking around, and I wish I could find someone who would do the job with the same dedication that I have tried (to do it with)," he said.

Incumbent School Committee member Tina Girdwood said that in a third term, she would hope to perpetuate the spirit of cooperation between the School Committee and the school administration, and continue working to increase dialogue between the School Committee, the selectmen and the Finance Committee. She also talked about the school system's funding needs, including the new schools construction project, increased staffing needs, and the demands of curriculum restructuring. She said that, ultimately, it will be up to residents to decide whether these priorities get fully funded.

"For us to move forward on (these issues), we need to talk to all of you and the town about what your needs and desires are," she said. "We (the School Committee and school administration) don't think having 29 students per class is acceptable, but if it's acceptable to you, then our budgets won't get funded in the future."

School Committee member Dick Collins is also up for reelection to his second term, but he was unable to attend Friday's event because he was at a funeral.

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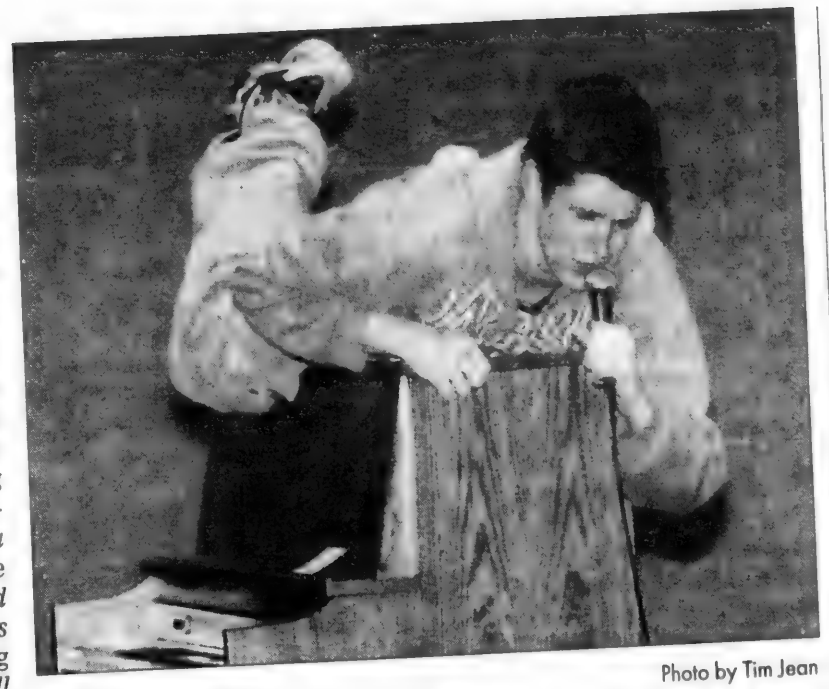
to sneak into a dress rehearsal, and here are some of the tunes with which the audience may be favored: a James Brown medley; bad-boy 1960s anthem *Magic Carpet Ride*, by Steppenwolf; Billy Joel's enduring *Piano Man*; Rod Stewart's racy *Do You Want My Body*; the 1980s song *I Just Died in Your Arms Tonight*, by Cutting Crew; Meatloaf's *I'll Do Anything For Love*; and a song by Ben Harper, *Burn One Down*. And that's just a sample.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. event may be had for $6 at the door or during AHS lunches on March 15 and 16. The snow date for the event is March 17.



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Oliver Johnson hams his rendition of *It's Not Unusual*, by Tom Jones.

Education Town Meeting

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"We are not even close to our goal of being an exemplary school system," she said. "We do not get the state aid or federal aid we need. We are not meeting the needs the Congressman and Senator referred to."

When the floor was opened for public questions or comments, Felicita Caminero of Lawrence rose to address the Bush tax cut plan.

"I know some people want that money in their pocket," she said to Meehan, "but we need that money for the education. I don't want that money for myself. Please tell President Bush that we need that money for education."

Her comments were greeted with applause.

Lynn Schade of Garfield Lane, an educational consultant with Tufts University's Center for Applied Child Development told the panelists, "My plea to all of you in leadership roles is to avoid simple solutions to complex problems, like 'Let's just test,' or 'Let's just lower class size.' It isn't that we don't know how to (improve education), but we need the support to implement it."

766 PAC meeting

The 766 PAC of Andover will meet on Wednesday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at the South School Media Center. Parents will have an opportunity to view renowned educator Rich Lavoie's tape "When the Chips Are Down," which provides one with insight and ideas for handling the behavior of children with learning disabilities.

Members of the Andover school adjustment staff will be on hand to discuss the video with parents.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Feb. 28

At 12:13 p.m., John Misenti, 50, of 347 Lowell St., was arrested and charged with conspiring to violate a controlled substance and illegally possessing a Class A substance.

At 4:53 p.m., Jay Favazza, 41, of 14 Marchant St., Gloucester, was arrested and charged with illegally possessing a Class A substance, possessing a hypodermic needle and driving after his right to drive was suspended. Also arrested was Leonard Ross, 48, of 106 Pleasant St., Gloucester, who was charged with illegally possessing a Class A substance and possessing a hypodermic needle.

At 7:07 p.m., Douglas McCoy, 17, of 28 Orchard St., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, failing to stay in marked lanes and resisting arrest.

Thursday, March 1 – At 2:48 p.m., John Harmon, 26, of 56 Cross St., Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for failing to appear at Lawrence District Court for motor-vehicle charges.

At 4:05 p.m., Girard LaFortune, 43, of 13 Lucerne Drive, was arrested and charged on a warrant for motor-vehicle charges.

At 7:03 p.m., Donald Skinner, 19, of 700C Brookside Drive, was arrested and charged on a warrant for violating a restraining order.

Friday, March 2 – At 9:39 p.m., Mark Stracuzzi, 35, of 30 Railroad Ave., was arrested and charged with illegally possessing a Class A substance and possessing a hypodermic needle.

At 10:15 p.m., Mark Murphy, 17, of 256 River Road, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, failing to stay in marked lanes and being a minor transporting alcohol.

Saturday, March 3 – At 1:49 p.m., Jordan Green, 20, of 11 Rhoda St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with driving after his right to drive was suspended and carrying a dangerous weapon, a double-edged knife.

At 1:40 p.m., Geronimo Lopez, 57, of 13 Vine St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged on a warrant for unpaid motor-vehicle fines.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, March 1 – At 7:55 a.m., a female reported that she lost a necklace and a pair of earrings at Andover Tanning.

At 9:37 p.m., a High Plain Road resident reported that a dog had chased his son that morning.

Friday, March 2 – At 10:57 a.m., a resident reported that he had received a phone call from a person who was trying to get him to give money to the Chamber of Commerce. When the resident called the chamber to inquire about the fundraiser, the chamber said it was not aware of any solicitations going on. An officer was to file on the incident.

At 8:25 p.m., a caller reported that a political sign on Lowell Street was blocking drivers' views of the intersection at Lowell Street and West Parish Church. An officer spoke with the homeowner who posted the sign, and she said she would take the sign down.

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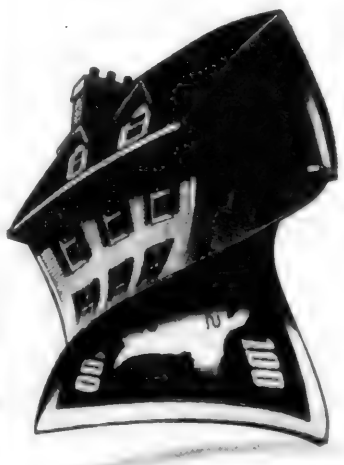
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POLICE

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At 10:36 p.m., a Ballardvale Street caller reported that one driver made a threat to another driver at Supervalue.

Saturday, March 3 – At 10:45 a.m., a caller reported that several males in their 20s were breaking into the Ground Round. A responding officer found out that there was no break-in, and the workers were trying to gain entry to building because the manager had not shown up with the keys.

Sunday, March 4 – At 10:12 p.m., a Red Spring Road resident reported that she has been receiving multiple threats by phone.

Monday, March 5 – At 3:40 p.m. a female called to report her son missing, because he had not called her in "about a day." An officer responded that the situation does not fit the criteria for a missing person.

At 6:03 p.m., a Golden Oaks Lane resident reported that a 6-year-old had a severe nose bleed after being struck in the face with a shovel. An ambulance responded to treat the patient.

At 8:13 p.m., a caller from Alcoholics Anonymous reported that he had received a call from a male who seemed suicidal. The male was transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

At 10:04 p.m., a Brady Loop resident reported that a plow truck had been parked in front of her home for quite a while with its lights on. A responding officer determined that the driver had locked his keys in the truck. The officer helped the driver locate another key.

At 11:02 p.m., an Andover Street caller reported that a snowplow had backed into her fence.

At 11:08 p.m., a Starwood Crossing resident reported that private plow companies were leaving snow in the streets. An officer determined that there was "a lot of snow," but could not locate the plows.

At 11:10 p.m., a Gould Road caller reported that a tree was down about half a mile from the state police barracks.

Tuesday, March 6 – At 6:52 p.m., a female reported that her ex-boyfriend was harassing her.

At 10:14 p.m., a caller reported a live wire down on Red Spring Road that was causing sparks. Police notified Mass Electric and blocked off both ends of the road while fixing the problem.

Police responded to approximately 70 security alarms that were triggered due to the power loss Tuesday. Approximately 40 calls came in regarding tree limbs and power lines down, as well as snow-removal complaints.

BREAKS

Friday, March 2 – At 8:33 p.m., a Memorial Circle resident reported that someone had broken into a neighbor's house.

THEFTS

Saturday, March 3 – At 11:50 a.m., a caller from the Tage Inn reported that a guest of the hotel had stolen something from their room.

Monday, March 5 – At 1:52 p.m., a Bulfinch Drive resident reported that his lap-top computer was stolen the previous night.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Friday, March 2 – At 5:35 p.m., a person at Glory Restaurant reported that some kids were popping hubcaps off cars on Essex Street and rolling them down the hill. A responding officer found the hubcap to a Mazda, but there were no cars missing caps on the road, nor were there any youths in the area.

Saturday, March 3 – At 8:31 a.m., Wildwood Nurseries reported that some kids had gone through all their trucks.

Tuesday, March 6 – At 4:45 p.m., a caller from Brickstone Square reported that a branch fell on top of a vehicle.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, March 1 – At 3:52 p.m., two vehicles collided on Wildwood Road. A responding officer reported that the parties only suffered minor injuries from the accident, but both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Friday, March 2 – At 5:47 a.m., several callers reported an accident on Lowell Street. An ambulance responded to the scene to treat the injured parties, and two vehicles were towed from the site.

At 10:15 p.m., a vehicle struck a pole on Chandler Road. One person was transported to the hospital.

Sunday, March 4 – At 12:58 a.m., the state police reported a roll-over accident on Interstate 495 South. The state police handled the accident.

Tuesday, March 5 – At 2:23 a.m., two plows bumped into each other on Lincoln Street. It caused minor damage to one of the running boards. One town truck and one private contractor were involved.

VANDALISM

Three incidents of vandalism were reported this week.

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Arts & Entertainment

Caught on film, soon: Inaugural Tambakos Film Fest winners

Winners of the first Tambakos Film Festival and Video Competition at Merrimack College will be announced on Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

Peter Waldron, arts program director at the college, said in a release that he received many fine submissions. The event will feature the top three awards submitted by future and budding videographers and filmmakers.

The guest speaker is Tina Wasserman of Tufts University's Visual and Critical Studies Program at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts. Wasserman will present "The Seventh and Eighth Art: New Moving Images in Film and Video."

The festival was established at Merrimack in memory of Demosthenes Peter Tambakos, a 1974 Merrimack graduate who was an aspiring screenwriter at the time of his death. Tony award-winning playwright/actor George Furth was a friend of Tambakos and donated money to set up the festival. In addition, Furth made a gift of his own extensive film collection to the college.

For more information, call the Rogers Center at 837-5367.

Andover High drama knocked from competition

Honors for AHS' acting, production skills

By Judy Wakefield

The production was not selected as a winner, but four Andover High students were given "All Star" awards for their work in a recent drama festival.

The Murder at Argos, a contemporary take on the Greek tragedies, was the Andover High submission in last weekend's state high-school drama festival which was held at Andover High. Eight local high schools took part in the day-long festival and three were selected to move on to the next round of competition.

Andover's play did not make the cut, but four Andover students were named all stars for their superior acting and production skills. Cast members Laura Espy, a junior who played Electra, and Jeff Kane, a freshman who played Orestes, were selected as "all-star cast members" by the panel of judges at the festival.

Matt Rosensweig, a senior, and Michael Berger, a junior, were honored with "all-star production" awards for their lighting design.

The high schools selected to move on to the next round of competition were St. John's Preparatory School, which performed *The Tempest*; Stoneham High School, which did *Mirrors*; and Beverly High School, which tackled *A Memory Never Lost*.

Local theater buffs can see the Andover High production on March 23 and 24 at the Collins Center. Show time for both dates is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 and available by calling the Collins Center at 623-8647.

Photo by Tim Jean

Two stars are born — Laura Espy and Jeff Kane were selected as "All-Star" cast members.

At South Church: Andover to become River City for a weekend

South Church is presenting *The Music Man*, on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m.

An endearing story of the transforming power of love, the show features a cast of more than 100 men, women and children from the Merrimack Valley area.

This is the eighth annual musical production directed by Susan Spollett, Deborah White, and Linda Zimmerman and produced by Fran Fink.

The cast features the voices of Tom Harvey (Tevye in South Church's 1999 production of *Fiddler on the Roof*) and Allison Williams (formerly with the Lyric Opera in Chicago), as well as Ted Harris, Phyllis Zimmerman, Peter White, Jed Rayner, Reed Rayner, Scott Helmers, Marty Mason, JeanMarie Gossard, Dany Guy, Sally Holm, Kerry Johnson, Elizabeth Kelly, Catherine Rayner, Julia Harvey, Shane Bouchard, Chris Harris, and Brendon O'Donnell in leading rolls. The roving barbershop quartet is not to be missed, organizers said.

The plot revolves around traveling salesman Harold Hill and his visit to a small Iowa town in 1912 where he meets and falls in love with the willful, spinster librarian Marian Paroo. "Professor" Harold Hill is a con man who – in order to sell band instruments – convinces the citizens of River City, Iowa that he can teach their children to play in a magnificent marching band.

But Hill doesn't count on falling in love with the town librarian, and instead of skipping town before the instruments arrive, he is convinced to stay and called upon to prove himself to the citizens of River City.

Organizers said this all-American family musical is guaranteed to entertain, featuring an entire score of classic hit songs including *Til There Was You*; *Gary, Indiana*; *Lida Rose*; and of course *Seventy-Six Trombones*.

Originally produced on Broadway in the 1950s, it ran for 1,375 performances. A classic film version of the musical also starred Robert Preston, Shirley Jones, and a very young Ron Howard.

Tickets are $8 in advance, $10 at the door. Call 475-0321 for more information.

Photos by Tim Jean

Tom Harvey plays Harold Hill, the Music Man, and Marty Mason is Charlie Cowell.

Cast members in the photo at right, (from front to back) are: Shane Bouchard as Winthrop, Julia Harvey as Amaryllis, Phyllis Zimmerman as Mrs. Paroo, and Allison Williams as Marion.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Homebased Businesswomen's Network Inc. meeting, 8:30 a.m., $10, Village Green Restaurant, Rte. 1, Danvers; Terri (781)558-1367.

Workshop, Acquisition and Appraisal of Historical Records, with Melissa Mannon, archival consultant, 7-9 p.m., Peabody Historical Society Firehouse Museum, Brooksby Farm, Peabody; (978)740-0444.

David - The Musical, 8 p.m., Emerson Majestic Theatre, Boston; (617)824-8000.

Panel discussion, women representing diverse faith traditions, free, noon-2:30 p.m., UMASS Lowell South, Coburn Hall, room 205, 850 Broadway, Lowell; (978)970-5000.

Greater Lowell Women's Network Meeting, potluck dinner, 5:30-7 p.m., Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell; (978)970-5000.

Andover fly fishers programs, 7:30 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, Andover; Fred Cummings 475-4167.

Doherty Middle School's second Annual Family Fun Fest will be held at the school on Friday, March 9, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. According to organizers (back row: Kathy Tanner, Sue Rice, Lory Ragnio and Cynthia Marsh; front row: Kathy Pallotta, Cheryl Todisco and Teresa Prencipe), this family event features the talent of both DMS students and teachers in the several live bands that will be performing throughout the evening. There will also be Sports Mania, Karaoke, dancing, board games, food, fingernail painting and Jeopardy hosted by John "Trebeck" Givens. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission per family is $10 at the door and $8 advance. Additional guest fee is $5 at the door. For more information, call Kathy Pallotta, 470-8733 or Sue Rice, 475-2357.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Benefit art auction, 7 p.m., $10, Memorial Hall Library; 623-8400.

Family Fun Fest, 6:30-9:30 p.m., $10 per family, Doherty Middle School; Sue Rice 475-2357.

Jazz concert, Marcus Roberts and the Marcus Roberts Trio, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 837-5355.

Music Man, 8 p.m., $10, South Church, 41 Central St.; 475-0321.

Wind in the Willows, Concord Youth Theatre, 7:30 p.m., $8.50-$12, 40 Stow St., Concord; (978)371-1482.

Kerouac birthday celebration, beginning at 4 p.m., free, featuring films, readings, music, various venues around Lowell, (978) 452-7641.

Antique show, sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., $3, Union Church of Stow, Rte. 117, Stow; (978)562-5802.

Dottie Mae and the Country Echoes, 8 p.m., Giordano's Peppercorn Pub, Rte. 97, Georgetown; (978)352-7300.

Live comedy, Dick Doherty, Jon Fisch, Mike Baker, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Irish story telling for children, Lawrence Public Library, South Lawrence; 683-9007.

Wearin' of the Green, story about Lowell's Irish mill girls, free, 7 p.m., Lowell National Park Visitors Center, Market Street, Lowell; (978)459-0561.

Marcus Roberts Trio plays the Rogers Center.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Book signing, Dr. Henry Everett's *From Adversity to Invincibility,* 2-3 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; (800)491-0143.

Reading, *On the Road,* in honor of Kerouac's birthday celebration, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., free, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; (978)970-0755.

Panel discussion, *Contemporary South Asian Artists from the diaspora: A multicultural Mosaic,* 2 p.m., Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell; (978)459-7819.

Stamp show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free, Elks Lodge, 652 Andover St., Lawrence; 474-4674.

Concert, Cantemus Chamber Chorus and Orchestra, 8 p.m., $14, First Parish Unitarian Church, 225 Cabot St., Beverly; (888)-CHORUS-1.

Arts Fair 2001, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., First Congregational Church, 25 Woburn St., Reading; (781)242-5500.

Live comedy, Dick Doherty, Jon Fisch, Mike Baker, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Recital, tenor Allen Combs, 3 p.m., sponsored by the FRIENDS of Memorial Hall Library, Memorial Hall Library; 623-8400.

Cat show, $6, $4 children under 12, Ramada Rolling Green, Andover; Joyce 851-4467.

Concert, Wildest Dreams, $12, 8 p.m., Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Church, North Andover; 687-3960.

Concert, Luellen Best, soprano with Margaret Ulmer, piano, $12-25, Stoneham Theatre & Ensemble, 395 Main St., Stoneham; (781) 279-2200.

Garden demonstration, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., Wild Oats, 40 Railroad Ave.; 470-4785.

St. Patrick's Day banquet, 6:30 p.m., St.

Wildest Dreams plays Saturday at Crossroads Coffeehouse.

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EVENTS CALENDAR LISTINGS

Patrick's parish Center, Lawrence; Mike Miller 749-8880.

Wind in the Willows, *2:30 p.m., see March 9 entry.*

Music Man, *see March 9 entry.*

Antique show, sale, see March 9 entry.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Concert, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, 2:30 p.m., $12 adults, $8 children, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; (978)372-8237.

Recital, featuring tenor Allen Combs with pianist Leonardo Ciampa, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 623-8400.

Music Man, *2 p.m, see March 9 entry.*

Stamp show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free, Elks Lodge, 652 Andover St.,

Hike, cross country ski, 1:30 p.m., meet at Ward Reservation; Alex Chanler 470-1550.

Concert, Lafayette Swing Orchestra, 2 p.m., $12-25, Stoneham Theatre & Ensemble, 395 Main St., Stoneham; (781)279-2200.

Train show, $3, free under 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Haverhill High School, Monument Street, Haverhill; John Muise (978) 373-0404 after 7 p.m.

Wind in the Willows, *2:30 p.m., see March 9 entry.*

Garden demonstration, *see March 10 entry.*

MONDAY, MARCH 12

Presentation on ghosts and historical lore of Essex County, $5, 7:30 p.m., Essex Agricultural School, Smith Hall, Rte. 62, Danvers; Dan Tremblay (978) 777-2711.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Jazz, Donna McElroy with the Greg Hopkins Quartet, 7:30-10:30 p.m., $5 cover, Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

AVIS annual dinner meeting, $25, 6 p.m., Andover Country Club; Elizabeth Poland 475- 6159.

AARP meeting, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center; 475-6698.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Slide competition, Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 689-9643.

Tea Tree Oil, with Charlene Divoky, Herb Society of Andover, 7 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; (978)465-1556.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Computer technology career night, 6:30 p.m., North Shore Community College, Cummings Center, Beverly; (978)236-1200.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Tot Shabbat, 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road; 470-1563.

Book signing, former *Townsman* editor Perry Colmore, *The Book on Hope,* 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St., <perry@mediaone.net>.

The Boyfriend, Merrimack Junior Theatre, $8, 7:30 p.m., Doherty Middle School auditorium; 686-5499.

The Little Mermaid, South School's annual production, $7, 7 p.m., West Middle School.

St. Patrick's Day luncheon, noon, St. Mary's auditorium, White and Chestnut streets, Lawrence; Mark McComiskey 475-8745.

Artists spring show, Saltbox Gallery of Topsfield artists, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Topsfield Fairgrounds, Coolidge Hall, Topsfield; (978) 887-3844.

Irish soda bread contest, 4-7 p.m., Heritage State Park, Lawrence; 688-4358.

Tribute to St. Patrick, 2 p.m., on local radio station WCCM-800AM, Tom Garvey 470-1658.

Tap, clogging, Irish step dancing show, $18 door, $15 advance, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 837-5355.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Robbie Printz, Jeff Meisler, Steph Wishnick, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Tomas Kubinek show, (certified lunatic), $12 door, $10 advance, 2 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 837-5355.

Craft show, $4, free under 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Rockingham Park Racetrack, Salem, N.H.; (603) 755-2166.

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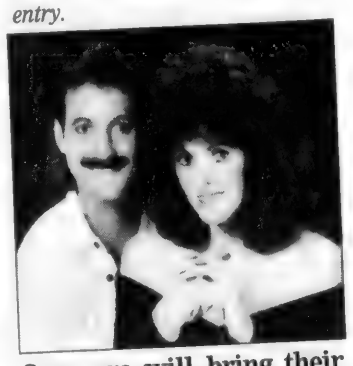

Spencers will bring their "Theatre of Illusion" to the Rogers Center.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Book signing, children's author Jan Brett, noon-2 p.m., limit 2 carry-ins, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; (800) 491-0143.

Hike, sponsored by Andover Appalachian Mountain Club, 1:30 p.m., walk the city streets in Salem, meet at National Park Service visitors Center; Fred Snell 686-3647, <fred@snell.com>.

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ONGOING

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, *Andover artist and collector Doug Bell mixed media sculpture and paintings,* through April 20; containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools; library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; $4 adults, $2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

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Upcoming: At the Rogers Center

Jazz pianist Marcus Roberts, more

Internationally acclaimed jazz pianist and composer Marcus Roberts and the Marcus Roberts Trio comes to the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College tomorrow, Friday, March 9, at 8 p.m.

He has completed over 30 recordings, with his first three records reaching No. 1 on Billboard's traditional jazz chart. His later recording, *Gershwin for Lovers*, remained in the top 10 for more than seven months.

He is joined by bassist Roland Guerin and drummer Jason Marsalis.

At the Rogers Center, the repertoire will range from ballads and classic American standards to lively, modern, original compositions.

Roberts was recently named the first Artist in Residence for the 2002 Winter Olympics and the concurrent Cultural Olympiad.

Tickets are available by calling the Rogers Center box office, Monday through Friday, at 837-5355.

Next weekend, March 16-18

March 16, 8 p.m. — Common Ground, an evening of American tap, clogging and Irish step dancing.

March 17, 2 p.m. — Thomas Kubinek, "certified lunatic and master of the impossible," (pictured above).

March 18, 3 p.m. — The Spencers Magic Show. For advance tickets call number above.

Art songs from the Romantic Age

On Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m., the Friends of the Memorial Hall Library will present a recital by tenor Allen Combs, with pianist Leonardo Ciampa.

The program will feature works by Brahms, Grieg, Tchaikovsky and Faure, as well as a selection of Italian songs and Victorian ballads by various composers.

Tenor Allen Combs is a native of Idaho Falls, Idaho. He has been a soloist with such groups as The Dedham Choral Society, Cambridge Community Chorus, Polymnia, Lawrence Choral Arts Society, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Society and the Reading Symphony Orchestra, as well as the choirs of Harvard, Brown and Tufts universities.

He also performs frequently at Phillips Academy, where he is a member of the voice faculty.

Combs has served as music director of the Andover Choral Society since 1990.

Ciampa is a nationally well-known and respected organist. Since April of 1989, he has served as director of music for the First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain (Boston).

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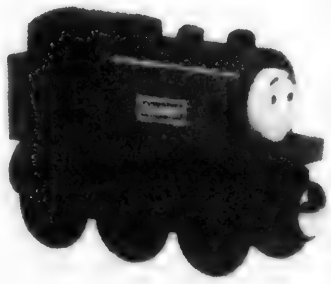

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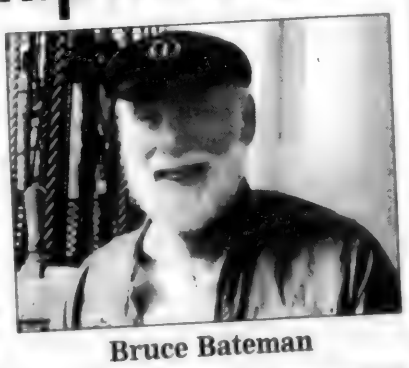

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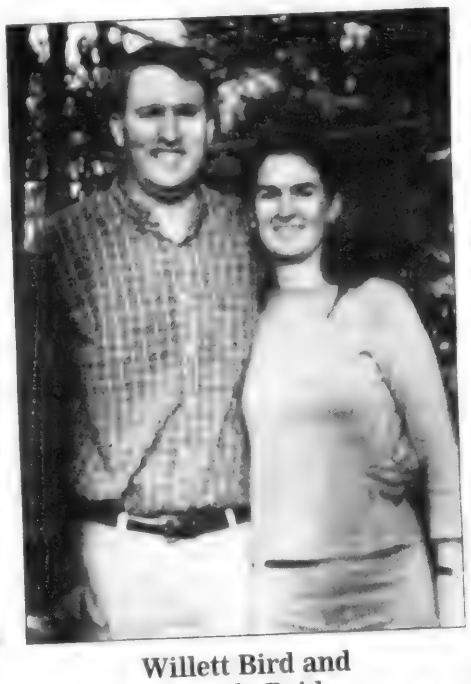

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Gardiner-Galaburda

Dorothy S. Gardiner of Darien, Conn., and Douglas R. Gardiner of New York, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ashley Gardiner, to Adam C. Galaburda, son of Dr. Margaret Oakland and Dr. Albert M. Galaburda, both of Andover.

Ms. Gardiner, a graduate of Lafayette College, is a public relations executive at Ketchum in New York City. Mr. Galaburda, also a graduate of Lafayette College, is a lawyer who is currently attending New York University School of Law.

The couple plan a June wedding.

Deck-Reilly

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Merson of Kennett Square, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Anita A. Deck, to Benjamin James Reilly, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Reilly of Andover.

Ms. Deck is a graduate of Shippensburgh University in Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh. She is a researcher for Ridgway Center for Security Studies in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Reilly is a graduate of Andover High School, New College in Sarasota, Fla., and the University of Pittsburgh. He is currently writing a doctoral dissertation with the University of Pittsburgh.

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Shulman-Banker

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Shulman of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Ellyn Shulman, to David Mark Banker, son of Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Banker of Scotch Plains, N.J.

Ms. Shulman is a 1999 graduate of Syracuse University and is the assistant business manager at Nine West Assessories in New York, N.Y.

Mr. Banker is a 1997 graduate of George Washington University and is a 2000 graduate of New York Law School. He is employed by Fein, Such, Kahn, and Shepard, P.C. in Parsippany, N.J.

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Reid-Bird

Kevin and Therese Reid of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Carole Marie Reid, to Willett Bradford Bird, son of Susan Bird of Greenwich and Samuel Bird of Wilton, Conn.

Ms. Reid is a 1993 graduate of Phillips Academy and a 1997 graduate of Colby College. She is employed as a consultant with Accenture.

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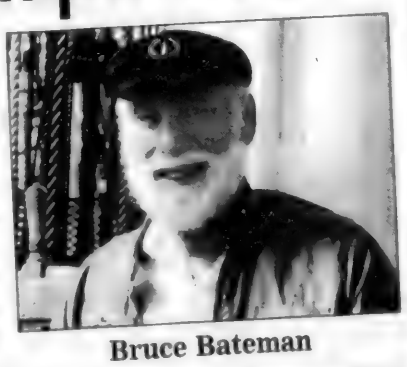

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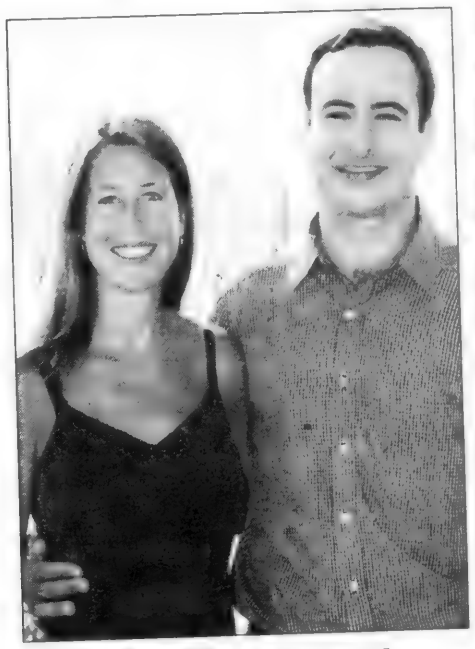

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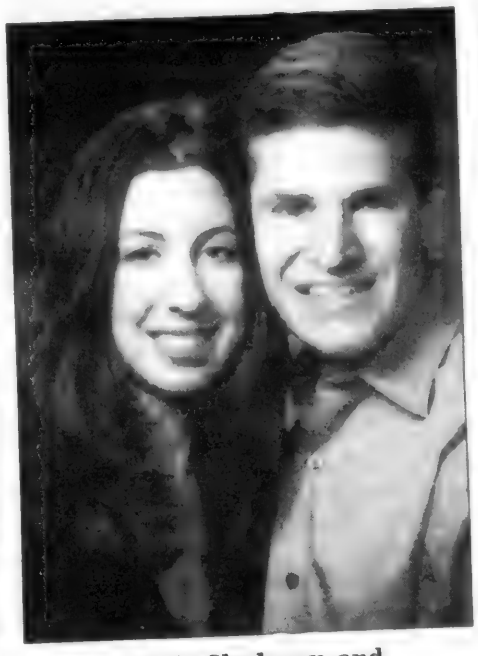

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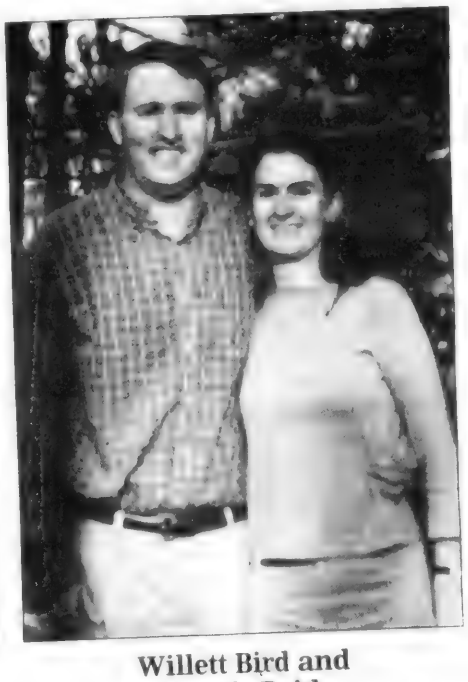

Willett Bird and Carole Reid

Gardiner-Galaburda

Dorothy S. Gardiner of Darien, Conn., and Douglas R. Gardiner of New York, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ashley Gardiner, to Adam C. Galaburda, son of Dr. Margaret Oakland and Dr. Albert M. Galaburda, both of Andover.

Ms. Gardiner, a graduate of Lafayette College, is a public relations executive at Ketchum in New York City. Mr. Galaburda, also a graduate of Lafayette College, is a lawyer who is currently attending New York University School of Law.

The couple plan a June wedding.

Deck-Reilly

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Merson of Kennett Square, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Anita A. Deck, to Benjamin James Reilly, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Reilly of Andover.

Ms. Deck is a graduate of Shippensburgh University in Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh. She is a researcher for Ridgway Center for Security Studies in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Reilly is a graduate of Andover High School, New College in Sarasota, Fla., and the University of Pittsburgh. He is currently writing a doctoral dissertation with the University of Pittsburgh.

The couple plan a July wedding.

Shulman-Banker

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Shulman of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Ellyn Shulman, to David Mark Banker, son of Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Banker of Scotch Plains, N.J.

Ms. Shulman is a 1999 graduate of Syracuse University and is the assistant business manager at Nine West Assessories in New York, N.Y.

Mr. Banker is a 1997 graduate of George Washington University and is a 2000 graduate of New York Law School. He is employed by Fein, Such, Kahn, and Shepard, P.C. in Parsippany, N.J.

The couple plan a May wedding.

Reid-Bird

Kevin and Therese Reid of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Carole Marie Reid, to Willett Bradford Bird, son of Susan Bird of Greenwich and Samuel Bird of Wilton, Conn.

Ms. Reid is a 1993 graduate of Phillips Academy and a 1997 graduate of Colby College. She is employed as a consultant with Accenture.

Mr. Bird is a 1993 graduate of Phillips Academy and a 1997 graduate of Georgetown University. He is an account executive with Factset.

The couple plan a July wedding.

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OBITUARIES

Suzanne Burgess

Local attorney; active in numerous organizations

Attorney Suzanne (Derby) Burgess, 56, of North Andover and formerly of Andover, died Sunday, March 4 at home.

Mrs. Burgess courageously fought a two-year battle with colon cancer. She continued to play golf, attend Boston College sporting events, teach school and maintain her law practice as she fought this disease.

Born in Methuen, she attended grammar school in Methuen and was a graduate of the Buckingham, Browne & Nichols School in Cambridge. She received her bachelor's degree in French from Northwestern University, a master's degree in Spanish from Brown University, and her law degree cum laude, from the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover. She was the Outstanding Student of her graduating class and was the managing editor of the law review.

An educator for the past 24 years, she taught Spanish and French at Masconomet Regional High School in Topsfield and developed a bilingual education program for the Methuen school system. She also spent four years at the coordinator of Title VII, Project Careers program for the city of Lowell and most recently taught Spanish at Lowell High School. Outside of her teaching responsibilities, she maintained a successful family law practice in Andover.

Mrs. Burgess was a former president and owner of Blue Ribbon Realty in Andover, served as the director of the Greater Lawrence Real Estate Board, and was a past chairman of its scholarship committee.

She was an avid golfer at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover for many years. She was an active member of the club serving on the club's advisory board, social committee and was past chairperson of the women's golf association. Her favorite event of the year was hosting the Indian Ridge Children's Christmas Party with her husband, Jordan J. Burgess, and daughter, Catherine D. Burgess of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Her long list of golf achievements included winning the Mass State Mother-Son, the State Mother-Daughter and the Club's Scotch Championship Net Division with her husband. She also has the distinction of having a hole-in-one during the club's annual pro-am tournament.

She was a member of a number of professional organizations that included the Massachusetts and National Associations for Bilingual Education, as well as the American, Massachusetts and Lawrence Bar Associations.

She was a former president and current member of The College Club of Greater Lawrence and former treasurer of the Friends of Andover Memorial Hall Library.

She also taught CCD classes and served as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Augustine Church until her illness prevented that service.

In addition to her husband and daughter, members of her family include her son, Jordan J. Burgess Jr. and his wife Suzanne M. of Newton; a sister, Paula D. Sullivan; brothers-in-law and their wives, Donald F. Burgess and Paulette, and Kenneth B. Burgess and Maureen; several nieces and nephews; and one grand-nephew.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call today, Thursday, March 8 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. at Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Visiting Nurse Association of Middlesex East and Visiting Nurse Hospice, 12 Beacon St., P.O. Box 80485, Stoneham, MA 02180; Beth Israel Deaconess Oncology Unit at 330 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA; or Holy Family Cancer Management Center, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844.

Avery H. Thresher

Former Andover resident

Avery H. Thresher, 78, of Braintree, Vt. and a former resident of Andover, died Monday, March 5 at the Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Thresher was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Randolph Union High School. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Mediteranean during World War II.

He received a degree in physical education from Springfield College and earned a master's degree in business administration from Bentley School of Accounting.

He lived in Andover for five years while working as a cost accountant for General Electric. He retired to Braintree in 1984.

He was the widower of Helen (Kelley) Thresher and members of his family include his sons, James Thresher of Washington, D.C., Avery Allen Thresher of Arizona and Gary Thresher of Pittsburg, Penn.; a daughter, Linda Grimes of Braintree; a brother, R. Milo Thresher of Braintree; a sister, Elizabeth Newcomer of Portland, Ore.; and 10 grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by his son, Kelley John Thresher.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 17 at the Bethany United Church of Christ in Randolph, Vt. at 2 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gifford Medical Center, Oncology Unit, 44 S. Main St., Randolph, Vt. 05060.

Arrangements are by the Day Funeral Home, 4 Franklin St., Randolph, Vt. 05060.

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Deaths Elsewhere

MARSHALL - Cynthia A. (Burdett) Marshall, 66, of Haverhill, died Friday, March 2, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Luanne Smallwood of Andover.

NAJARIAN - Sarkis Najarian Jr., 66, of Lawrence, died Friday, March 2 at home.

Mr. Najarian worked at the Internal Revenue Service in Andover before he retired.

WOLFENDALE - Joann V. Wolfendale, 61, of Dracut, died Friday, March 2 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, William and Nina Wolfendale of Andover.

Obituaries are a free service of the *Townsman*, which receives information from funeral homes and family members

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Margaret P. Caruso

Worked at IRS for 20 years

Margaret P. (Palmegiano) Caruso, formerly of Andover and Lawrence, died Sunday, March 4 at Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover.

Mrs. Caruso was a tax examiner for the Internal Revenue Service for 20 years before retiring in 1976.

Born in Naples, Italy, her family moved to Lawrence when she was 1. She was in the first graduating class from Holy Rosary School, and was very active in Holy Rosary Church. She played a leading role in their production of *Sun Bonnet Sue*. She also sang in the Holy Rosary choir.

When she moved to Andover, she became a member of St. Augustine Church, where she sang in the choir for several years. She was a member of the Andover and North Andover senior citizens centers.

She was the widow of Joseph Caruso, and members of her family include her daughter, Carol and her husband Jim Towle, and their daughter Lindsey, with whom she lived; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Sandy Caruso of Trumbull, Conn.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Sunday, March 11, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, March 12, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine's Capital Building Fund, 43 Essex St., Andover, MA 01810.

Ecalon J. Ferreira

Former Wood Mills employee

Ecalon J. "Echo" Ferreira, 85, of Andover, died Sunday, March 4 at Wingate at Andover.

Mr. Ferreira worked at the former Wood Mills of Lawrence, J.P. Stevens Co. of North Andover and Purex Corp. in Lawrence before he retired.

Born and educated in Lawrence, he graduated from Lawrence High School in 1932.

During World War II, Mr. Ferreira served in the Army.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church in Lawrence. He was a member of the Portuguese American Club of Lawrence.

He was the widower of Anna (DiNatale) Ferreira, and members of his family include wife, Lucy M. (Messina) Ferreira; sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Patricia Ferreira of Seabrook, N.H., Anthony and Ann DiDio of California, and Joseph DiDio and his wife Sharon of Rocky Hill, Conn.; daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen T. and Michael V. Arcidiacono of Lawrence, nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen.

A Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, March 8 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Lawrence. Burial will follow in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, Massachusetts Affiliate, Inc., 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701-4688, or Alzheimer's Association, 36 Cameron Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140-1102.

William J. Hegarty

Long-time hospital administrator

William J. Hegarty, 71, of Elm Street, died Friday, March 2 at home. Mr. Hegarty was former general counsel and chief administrative officer of Melrose-Wakefield Hospital for 20 years. He joined the hospital management team with responsibilities in fund development, public relations, management training and labor relations while he also attended Suffolk University School of Law.

Born in Groveland, he graduated from St. James High School in Haverhill, where he was active in several sports. He studied at the Noviate of the LaSallette Order and graduated from Merrimack College in North Andover. He later attended Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

While working at Western Electric Co. in North Andover in the public relations and public affairs, Mr. Hegarty managed the political campaign of James J. Zafris in a race against the late Congressman Bill Bates.

He also graduated from the Executive MBA Program offered by the Sawyer School of Management offered by Suffolk University.

Mr. Hegarty was a member of the American Society of Hospital Attorneys, and Massachusetts and Boston Bar Associations.

He was a member of St. Augustine Church in Andover. He served on the pastoral council and the St. Vincent DePaul Society. He was also a member of the Hospitality Ministers Association at the church.

Mr. Hegarty was a member of the Wakefield Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus in Haverhill, Indian Ridge Country Club, and was a member and past president of the Melrose Lions.

Members of his family include his wife of 42 years, Joan C. (Chechowitz) Hegarty; a son, Daniel Hegarty of Silver Springs, Md.; brothers, Raymond Hegarty of Conway, Ark., Richard Hegarty of Berkeley Heights, N.J., Daniel Hegarty of Watertown, and David Hegarty of North Andover; sisters, Rosalie Beaulieu of Warrenton, Va., and Therese Heaney of Phippsburg, Maine.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society, or the Pastoral Council of St. Augustine Church, both at 43 Essex St., Andover, MA 01810, or a charity of the donor's choice.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center (please note that advance sign-up is necessary for many of the programs):

Hearing Screening: Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network will sponsor a free hearing screening at the senior center on Wednesday, March 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. by appointment only. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, it is necessary to call the center to schedule a time.

Creative Cooking Group: Our creative cooking group will get together on Wednesday, March 21 at 9 a.m. This month's featured cuisine will be Asian dishes. Cost of the class, which includes lunch, is $6. Class size is limited and pre-registration is necessary, so give us a call if you'd like to try out this fun group.

Senior Center Trip: The center will sponsor a trip to Parker's Maple Sugar Barn on Friday, March 30. Cost of the trip is $25 which includes a tour of the sugar house to watch the maple sugaring process; a complete breakfast or lunch, and bus transportation. Sign up quickly if you don't want to be left out.

Friday Forum: On Friday, March 23, at 9:30 a.m. the center will host a forum on nursing home issues. Sponsored by the Coalition Of Organizations To Reform Elder Care this community forum will include an update on a new legislative initiative; proposals for quality care in nursing homes, and sharing of participants' concerns. Pre-registration would be appreciated.

Tax Preparation: Volunteers are on hand at the senior center to assist with the preparation of simplified tax forms. Appointments may be scheduled on Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Call the center if you would like to arrange a time.

Supper Club: This month we will together at the China Blossom restaurant on Wednesday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy their all you can eat buffet. Stop into the center to make a reservation if you would like to join us. Everyone is welcome.

Brown Bag Lecture: On Wednesday, March 28 we will welcome Julie Bernsen from the Addison Gallery who will present a slide show and lecture on "Famous Women In American Art." Cost is $2, and reservations are required because of seating constraints. Bring a bag lunch and join us for this program as we celebrate Women In History Month.

Cribbage Tournament: Congratulations to the winners of our recent cribbage tournament: first place to Doug Campbell, second place to Frank Drozdick, third place to Ron Stasiowski, and fourth place to Margo Turpening.

Intergenerational Class: This is an opportunity to enjoy a unique and exciting intergenerational course, American History Through Music. The classes will take place at Andover High School from 12:40 to 2 p.m. on the following dates: March 12, 14, 20, 22, 24 and 26. Jim and Maggie Dalton, musical historians, will be in residence with us for all sessions, and topics to be covered will begin with the colonial period and move up through immigrant influences, the rise of the minstrel shows, the Civil War and Reconstruction eras, Tin Pan Alley and ragtime, blues and pre-jazz. This program is sponsored in part by the Andover Arts Lottery Council. Registration will take place only through the senior center, and cost of the course is $10. Early sign-up would be greatly appreciated.

Computer Users Group: The next meeting of our computer users group will take place on Monday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. Anyone interested in swapping ideas, comparing notes, or sharing successes and frustrations is welcome to attend. For further information, call Don Sagaser at 475-6116.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, March 12 at 1 p.m. we will be showing the movie *Regarding Henry*. Harrison Ford stars in this dramatic and heartwarming film about a successful lawyer whose life is changed forever by an unexpected twist of fate. Andover Video supports this program.

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St. Pat's Celebration: You won't want to miss Kevin Farley and his one man show, "A Bit Of The Irish" on Thursday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. Irish music, songs, jokes, and refreshments. Tickets are available at the center at a cost of $3.

Business

Business briefs...

Gibson named director of state real-estate group

Bernadette Gibson, a sales person with Coldwell Banker Hunneman Victor in Andover has been elected a director of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors (MAR) for 2001.

Bernadette Gibson

As a state director, Gibson will represent the membership of the Northeast Association of Realtors on all issues brought before the MAR Board of Directors at its three meetings. In addition, she is required to attend regional caucuses held periodically throughout the year, and is responsible for keeping the local realtor membership informed on public policy issues, financial matters and organizational activities conducted by the state association.

A registered MAR member since 1991 and previously a state director, Gibson is a past member of the Charitable Fund Committee, and also a director on her local association. She served last year as president.

Organized in 1924, the Massachusetts Association of Realtors is a professional trade organization with more than 15,000 members statewide.

Santos reaches first VP

Art Santos of Andover was one of three Danvers Savings Bank officers recently promoted to first vice-president.

Art Santos

Santos works in commercial and industrial lending. He has been with the bank since 1997.

Prior to joining Danvers Savings Bank, he was a senior vice president in the commercial-lending area at Atlantic Bank and Trust Company. Santos earned his bachelor's degree in business and has a master's degree from Suffolk University.

Resident named principal

Tofias Fleishman Shapiro & Co., southern New England's largest regional certified public accounting and consulting firm, has announced that Andover resident Robin Gorski has joined as a principal. She provides corporations and individuals with tax planning, consulting and compliance services. During the past several years, she has specialized in

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Restaurant a possibility for renovated spot near MBTA station

Picking up Chinese food may get easier

By Jennifer Lappin

Weary MBTA commuters soon may have one less thing to worry about after a stressful day at the office – dinner.

A new Asian cuisine restaurant, Magic Wok, is slated to open on Railroad Street, opposite the commuter parking lot, to satisfy the take-out and dine-in chow-mein needs of Andover residents.

Thomas and Linda Diorio of Chatham Road in Andover purchased the old Walk Up's Garage last year with hopes of polishing this diamond in the rough and then leasing it out as retail space. "We were trying to find something local that would make a nice rental property," said Tom Diorio.

Yue Chen approached the Diorios about leasing the property and will most likely be renting it as of March 27. "(The Chens) are a great young couple, and I think they're going to be a great business. They live in Boston and their families have been in the restaurant business for a long time," said Linda Diorio.

However, before the Diorios could hand over the keys, many improvements had to be made to Walk Up's. Erected over 40 years ago, the building has operated as a fueling station and a three-bay automobile repair shop before lying dormant.

Tom Diorio said, "We started with fixing up the roof, then doing the siding, and all the windows. The storefront came right from North Andover. I tried to keep things local. We're adding the finishing touches with a little ground work and planting some shrubs."

Photo by Tim Jean

Wok Up's? – The former location of Walkup's Garage, by the Railroad Street train station, may soon be home to a Chinese Restaurant.

The Diorios have spent the last few months working with Attorney Dan Hayes to acquire the special permitting and variances from the Andover Planning Board. On Feb. 15, the Planning Board approved parking spaces for Magic Wok customers.

"It was really a no-brainer. We looked at the current condition of the building," said Planning Board Chairman Michael Miller. "Seeing what their (The Diorios' and the Chens') plans were, made it almost too good to be true."

Tom Diorio sees the promise of such a location for the right business. "I think Magic Wok will do great there. The Andover Bread Company is really no threat to them and they [Andover Bread Co.] do their thing more in the morning and at lunch. It's an ideal spot for a restaurant that can grab the commuters on their way home."

Miller mentioned that several years ago, MIT students did a study on what could be done to further stimulate business in Andover. Their findings suggested that the area around Railroad Street was the perfect spot for small shops that could service the commuters, which wouldn't take away business from the downtown merchants.

Magic Wok will most likely test out these findings sometime in late spring or early summer of 2001.

The Andover Chapter of Quota International donated $1,000 to support hearing screenings for all newborns at Lawrence General Hospital. Quota Club members Beth Poulo, Andover, Sue Adams, Andover and Francesca Frazier, Tewksbury, watch nurse Amy Winship tests a three-hour-old baby girl.

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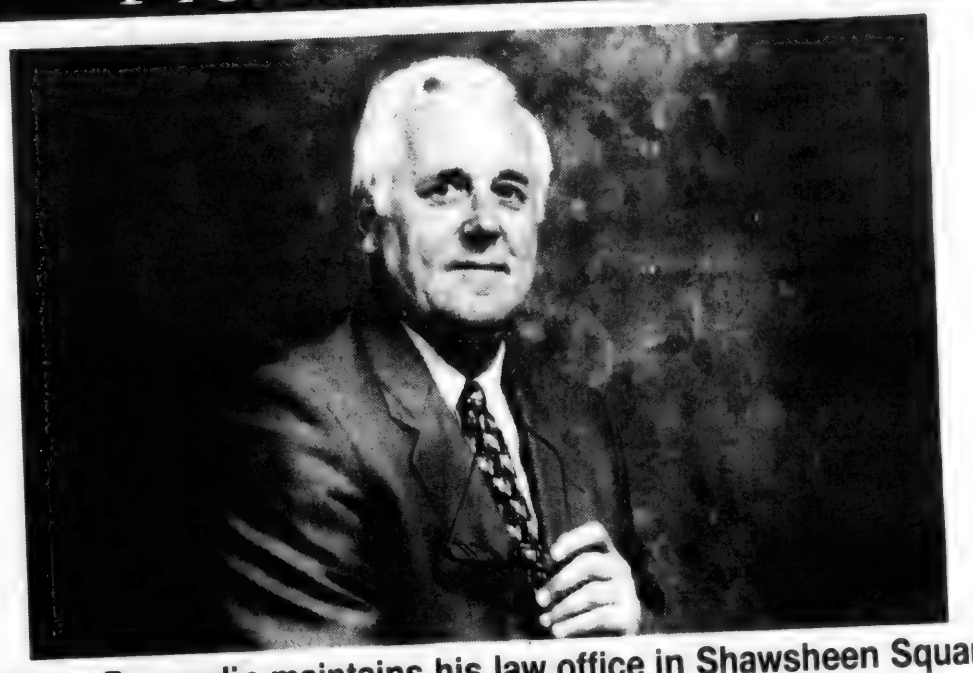

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Gorski received her bachelor's degree from Merrimack College and a master's degree in taxation from Bentley College. She is a member of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants and of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Additionally, she is an active member of St. Augustine Church.

New physical director at local Y

Linda Randall Meyers has joined the Andover/North Andover branch of the Merrimack Valley YMCA as senior physical director.

She is a graduate of Springfield College and the University of Sydney with a bachelor's degree in health and fitness.

She has spent the past 10 years working in YMCA management and supervisory experience.

Meyers will be responsible for the management of the Andover/North Andover YMCA branch's physical and aquatics departments, including day-to-day operation of the wellness center.

Linda Randall Meyers joins Andover Y

In CyberSpace: Ed Bloom

Ed Bloom, a local realtor with RE/MAX Preferred's Andover office, has been elected to charter membership in the Real Estate CyberSpace Society.

Bloom said in a release that society membership brings national CyberSpace networking support to this market area.

Bloom lives in Andover with his wife, Audrie, and children, Jacquie and Matthew.

Ed Bloom, real-estate agent

Andover resident named law-firm shareholder

Michael Dana Rosen of Andover has been elected a shareholder in the law firm of Devine, Millimet & Branch.

Since joining the firm in 1995, Rosen has been a member of the Corporate Department where his practice includes real estate, zoning and development, telecommunications, commercial finance, bankruptcy and corporate law. He received his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from Boston University.

He is a member of the board of directors for the Lawrence Boys & Girls Club and the Friends of Boston University Basketball. He is also a member of the American and Massachusetts bar associations, both the Merrimack Valley and Massachusetts conveyancers associations, the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation, and the American Bankruptcy Institute.

Rosen works in the firm's Andover office. The firm is headquartered in Manchester, N.H.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Gymnasts score bronze; Basketball advances

By Rick Harrison

Most years the lofty 139.925 score posted by the Andover High girls gymnastics team would have been plenty good enough to walk away with the state title.

But this year Barnstable High made sure it wasn't, as the Red Raiders rolled up an eye-popping 142.925 to place first at the annual All-State Team Championship Meet hosted by Foxboro High.

The Lady Warriors, who won their first-ever state title last year by edging Barnstable and were trying to repeat, actually had to settle for third place in the eight-school field as North Sectional runner-up Beverly snuck into second with a 141.575.

"We performed well but Barnstable was just awesome today," said AHS head coach Julie Chapman.

"We came through with a big score — but Barnstable proved it's for real.

"We went into the meet knowing Barnstable was capable of beating us. But we didn't expect third place. That's a bit of a disappointment and hard to swallow.

"We beat Beverly at the (North) Sectionals and still feel we're a better team. I think they (Beverly) had luck on their side in this meet."

The AHS gymnasts reacted well at the end of the meet and handled themselves with class.

It marked the first time in two years the Lady Warriors did not win, but still capped another sensational season that included a perfect 9-0 dual-meet record and second straight Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet and North Sectional titles.

"We lose six seniors but we're going to pick up a couple more 'ringers' next year," said Chapman. "We shouldn't skip a beat. Our kids know what it takes to get to the top.

"Barnstable is losing its top two girls but will still be very strong, and Beverly has everyone back next year."

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Ryan Piazza was second in the boys giant slalom race at the All-State Alpine Ski Championship Meet, and both Andover High teams finished a highly-respectable fifth to bring successful seasons to a close.

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Jenny Muller and Lisa Tisbert combined for 41 points as the Andover High girls varsity basketball team opened play in the Division 1 North Tournament with a 63-43 quarterfinal round breeze past Waltham.

The win exacted some revenge for AHS after the Waltham boys ousted the Andover boys 58-48 last week.

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A slow start proved fateful and made the Andover High varsity hockey team's Division 2 North Tournament stay a short one, as the Golden Warriors were bumped 4-3 by Peabody in the first round.

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Senior distance standout Tim Galebach completed an outstanding high school indoor track season by placing fourth in the 1,600 meters (mile) at the annual New England Championship Meet at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury.

Galebach, who was undefeated during the dual-meet season and the previous week placed third at the All-State Meet, ran the race in four minutes, 23.91 seconds.

He finished five seconds behind the winner and was less than one second from being the New England runner-up. He was also the second Massachusetts runner across the line.

The race was won by Ryan McConnell of Bishop Hendriken High of Rhode Island in 4:18.78.

Mike Downing of Gorham High in Maine was the runnerup in 4:22.98 and Rich Downing of St. John's High of Shrewsbury (Ma.) was third in 4:23.68.

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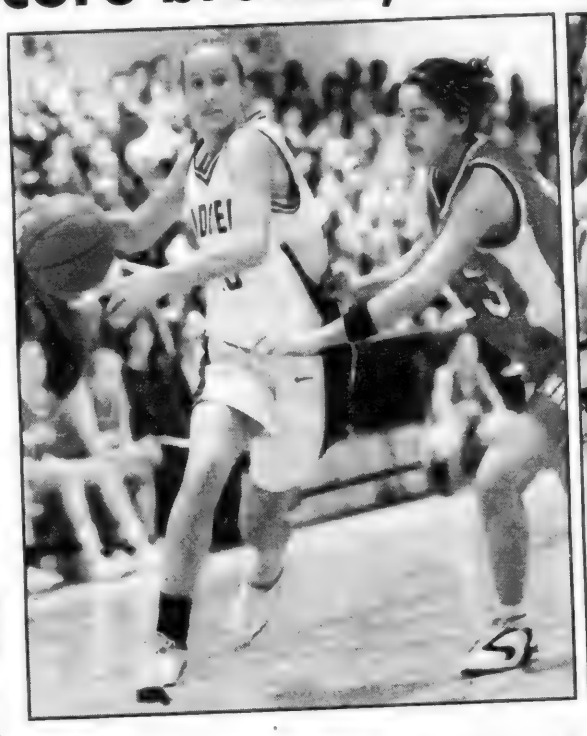
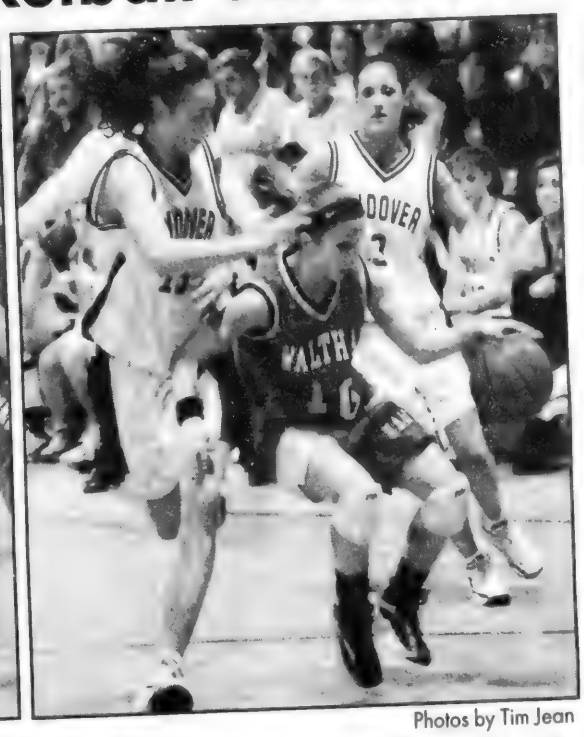
AHS track athletes Sheena Patel, Stephanie Pierce, Caitlin Murphy and Bruce Brown also capped the season with strong performances at the annual State Pentathlon Championships (see details below).





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Sophmore sensation Jennie Muller drives for her team against Waltham, (far left) while (at right), a relentless defense made up of Ashley McLaughlin and Captain Lisa Tisbert team up against Waltham.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Ten AHS girls competed in at least one event and once again junior achievers Kristin Elsmore and Becky Hass were superb.

Elsmore and Hass both performed in all four events, Elsmore emerging with a 35.85 score and Hass with a 35.35.

Even though the 139.925 was slightly better than Andover's winning 139.475 North Sectional score from two weeks ago, coach Chapman knew exactly where the Lady Warriors stumbled ever so slightly.

"Beam definitely hurt us today. It wasn't a total disaster but it could have been much better," she noted.

Andover scored 35.70 on the uneven bars, 35.55 in floor exercise, 34.45 on balance beam and 34.15 in vault.

Elsmore had the team's high event score for the day with a 9.35 on bars, and she added a 9.15 in floor, 8.7 on beam and 8.65 in vault.

Hass had the top AHS score on the pesky beam with an 8.95 and she also chalked up a 9.0 in floor, 8.95 on bars and 8.45 in vault.

Sheri Bernstein was incredibly consistent with identical 8.65 scores on bars, beam and in floor.

Bahaar Massihzadegan also competed in three events, scoring 8.55 in vault, 8.35 in floor and 8.05 on bars.

Katie Cail did three events with an 8.75 in floor, 8.4 in vault and 8.15 on beam.

Renee Fung had an 8.75 on bars and 8.5 in vault, while Gretchen Fuhr posted an 8.15 on beam and 7.85 in floor.

Competing on one event each were Kaitlin Doyle (bars, 7.325), Jackie Barry (beam, 7.85) and Jenn Nisco (vault, 8.25).

Rounding out the eight teams after Barnstable, Beverly and Andover were fourth-place Attleboro, Woburn (134.85), North Andover, Durfee and King Philip High of Wrentham (131.50).

Senior graduates

The six seniors who will be lost through graduation are Renee Fung, Maureen Lothrop, Kaitlin Doyle, Gretchen Fuhr, Katie McKain and Beth Upton.

All-State Individuals

The All-State Individual Championships this Saturday at Lincoln-Sudbury High will wrap up the season.

AHS qualifiers for that prestigious event are Kristin Elsmore and Becky Hass as all-arounds, Sheri Bernstein (balance beam, uneven bars) and Renee Fung (bars.)

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The first-round tourney win over Waltham brought the Lady Warriors a step closer to the anticipated rematch with top seed Somerville.

"We'd like one more shot at them," said Andover head coach Jim Tildsley, whose team has lost to the Hilltoppers each of the last two years in the MediaOne and AT&T Broadband Tournament.

If No. 2 seed AHS wins its semifinal against No. 3 Woburn, and Somerville keeps winning by beating Acton-Boxboro in the other semi, the two are scheduled to collide for the North title this Saturday night at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

The semifinal with Middlesex League power Woburn, originally listed for Tuesday night at Lynn Classical, was postponed by the snowstorm and tentatively re-set for last night (after Townsman presstime).

The Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 champs improved to 20-2 overall this winter by beating Waltham.

AHS has won 30 of its last 33 games, including tournament play, dating back to the middle of last season.

This is also the fourth time in the last six years Andover has won 20 or more games.

Scoring leaders

After 22 games, Jenny Muller leads the parade with 339 points (15.4 average). Lisa Tisbert has 260 points, Megan Pinksten 236, Ashley McLaughlin 159 and Shannon Sweeney 134.

Tisbert now has 666 career points and Muller 650.

MIAA Tournament
Quarterfinal Round
Andover 63
Waltham 43

The Lady Warriors led 15-6 after six minutes, increased the difference to 35-16 at the half and were in command against the Lady Hawks throughout the second half.

Fourteen players saw floor time for the locals and seven scored before a near-SRO crowd at the Dunn Gym.

"It was a huge turnout and the fans were boisterous and really into the game," said coach Tildsley.

The Lady Warriors were anxious to get back into action after a 12-day layoff following the 55-49 loss to Somerville in the AT&T Broadband championship game which was also the regular season finale.

They stayed sharp by mauling undefeated Division 2 North top seed Concord-Carlisle by 18 points in a pre-tourney scrimmage game.

"The layoff didn't seem to affect us," said Tildsley. "We came out of the gate fast. We ran the ball effectively and when we run we're a very good team.

"We shot well and we played with a lot of intensity right from the start. Katie Kramer, Megan Pinksten and Shannon Sweeney picked up some quick fouls. So we went 'small' for awhile with a lineup that included Samantha Hughes, Kelly McLaughlin and Marry Fish who all did a nice job off the bench.

"Shawna Foley also played well off the bench and we were able to counter Waltham's aggressive style," said Tildsley.

Jenny Muller had her top offensive output in some time with a game-high 23 points, while Lisa Tisbert also had a big game with 18 points.

Muller contributed six steals and five assists while Tisbert had six rebounds, five steals and four assists.

Freshman Ashley McLaughlin may have played her best all-around varsity game with 10 points, a season-high 13 rebounds, four assists and a season-high four blocked shots.

Pinksten, who eventually fouled out, netted six points and single baskets were contributed by Sweeney, Foley and Kelly McLaughlin.

Sweeney had eight rebounds, Kelly McLaughlin five and both picked off two steals.

ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High varsity hockey team got off to a slow start in a game it couldn't afford to lose, falling behind Peabody 4-0 in the second period and then running out of time in a season-ending 4-3 MIAA Division 2 North Tournament first-round loss at the Chelmsford Forum.

The disappointing setback finished off an otherwise-solid 12-6-3 campaign for the Golden Warriors, with the final record the best for an AHS ice team in eight years.

"I'm proud of the kids. They worked hard," said head coach Bill Cullen. "The season as a whole was pretty good. We had a chance to win every game we played except the season opener (7-1 loss to Tewksbury). The other five losses were all by either one or two goals.

"I thought we had a good draw in the tournament. I thought we could do some damage. But we didn't come ready to play. That hurt us in several key games this year.

"The Newburyport Tournament final against Amesbury (3-2) was very similar," said Cullen. "Our kids should have learned from that one you have to play three solid periods of hockey.

"I got the feeling we were better than Peavody. If we had played the way we're capable from the opening faceoff we would have beaten them — probably by a significant score.

"We played an outstanding third period. But it came too late. You can't give up four goals — fall behind 4-0 — and expect to win.

"It's too bad we couldn't reward the fans. The place was packed and the crowd was rockin,'" said Cullen, who completes the season with a career record of 96-83-25 at AHS.

Ten seniors

Ten players skated their final game for Andover which will be hit hard by graduation.

Seniors include defensemen Mike Anderson, Brendan Gleason and John Ronan, forwards Dennis Moran, Jon Ofria, John Stearns, Chris Cataldo, Jeff Vallera, Dustin Shea and goaltender Brandan Gatlin.

"Losing Michael Anderson (late-season knee injury) was a definite turning point," said coach Cullen. "We missed him in the tournament."

Scoring leaders

Dennis Moran led the way with 18 goals and 17 assists for 35 points in 21 games. Steve Johnson had 11 goals and 11 assists, Mike Corey nine goals and 12 assists, Jon Ofria four goals, 15 assists and Peter Burbank five goals, 12 assists.

MIAA Tournament
First Round
Peabody 4
Andover 3

Andover entered as the No. 7 seed in a 15-team field while Peabody (12-9-0) was the 10th seed.

The Tanners leapt to a 2-0 lead in the first period and doubled it to 4-0 late in the second.

"We didn't come out well at the start

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AHS Roundup

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of the game," said coach Cullen. "And a little panic set in at the start of the second period.

"We changed our forecheck between the second and third periods and scored a quick goal. That gave our kids confidence and we played our style the rest of the game. Unfortunately, their goalie (Marc Famiglietti) was able to hang in and keep them ahead."

Outshot 19-17 over the first two periods, the Golden Warriors totally dominated the final 16 minutes and outshot Peabody, 20-4. But Famiglietti made 18 saves to preserve the win.

AHS pulled its netminder, Mike Thomson, several times over the final 1:20 but could not score the equalizer to force overtime.

Mike Corey launched the furious and frenzied AHS comeback with 34 seconds left in the middle period, making it 4-1 with assists to Chris Cataldo and Dennis Moran.

"The goal came out of hard work forechecking by Cataldo and Moran," said Cullen.

Cataldo got Peabody to cough up the puck and he passed Moran, who then slid it across the crease to Corey for the tuck into an open corner.

Moran's team-best 18th goal at 1:56 of the third session cut the deficit to 4-2 as Andover began to totally dominate play.

The goal, assisted by Steve Johnson, came from a scramble out front as Moran out-quicked two Tanners.

Johnson netted a power play goal at 8:57 to make it 4-3, assist to junior two-time All-Conference defenseman Tim LeGrow.

"This goal was a beauty, "said Cullen. "He (Johnson) skated down the right wing lane, beat their defenseman, and his shot caught the inside corner of the net."

But Famiglietti then buckled down and stopped everything else thrown his way by the swarming Golden Warriors.

Peabody goalscorers with one each were Dan McGinness, Brian Small, Mark Addoriso and Dan Marchese, who netted the eventual game-winner at 10:15 of the second period.

"We had never played Peabody before but we knew this year's team had a couple of quick forwards," said Cullen.

Andover finished with a 37-23 shooting edge as Famiglietti made 34 saves and Thomson 19.

ALPINE SKIING

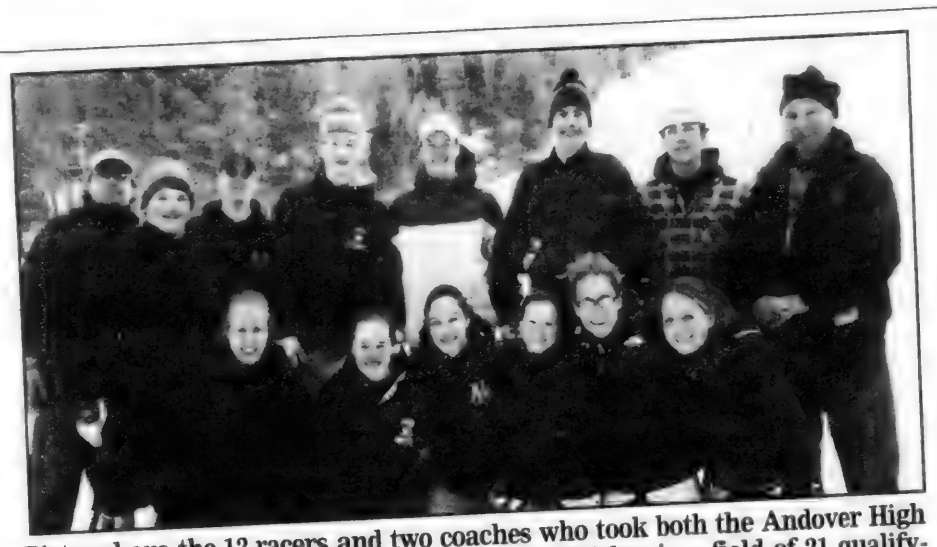
The Andover High boys and girls ski teams both wrapped up outstanding 2001 seasons by placing a very respectable fifth in a field of 21 qualifying schools at the annual MIAA All-State Alpine Ski Championship Meet held at Berkshire East in Charlemont.

All-State Meet

Ryan Piazza was the top overall performer for the Golden Warriors, finishing an impressive second in the giant slalom against a field of 146 of the best racers in the state with a 47.64 time. Piazza added a 22nd-place finish in the slalom (37.69).

Senior Capt. Jeff Marshall also had an excellent 15th place in the giant slalom (50.09 seconds).

Andover High skier Ryan Piazza is pictured in front of the scoreboard, holding the medal he received for his outstanding second-place finish in the giant slalom race against a field of 146 of the state's best high school racers at the annual MIAA All-State Championship Meet held at Berkshire East in Charlemont.



Pictured are the 12 racers and two coaches who took both the Andover High boys and girls alpine ski teams to fifth-place finishes in a field of 21 qualifying schools at the annual MIAA All-State Championship Meet held at Berkshire East in Charlemont. Front row (from left): Lisa Tylus, Lauren Hayes, Sherri Conrad, Brittany Roy, Jessica Moody and Jennie Williams. Back row (from left): Coach Tom Busta, John Colangeli, Jim Green, Ryan Piazza, Capt. Ryan Hayes, Luke Larsen, Capt, Jeff Marshall and coach Karl Lippmann.

Others competing for the Andover boys were John Colangeli, Jim Green, Ryan Hayes and Luke Larsen.

Green was 29th in the slalom and 34th in the giant slalom. Colangeli 25th in the GS, and Hayes 58th in the slalom and 65th in the GS.

Top finisher for the AHS girls at Berkshire East was Lisa Tylus who placed 20th in the slalom (41.21) and 28th in the giant slalom (55.06).

Rounding out the girls team at states were Sherri Conrad, Lauren Hayes, Jessica Moody, Brittany Roy and Jennie Williams.

Moody placed 41st in the slalom and 51st in the giant slalom, Roy 48th in the GS and 49th in the slalom, Conrad 42nd in the GS and 52nd in the slalom, Hayes 65th in the giant slalom and 66th in the slalom.

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The Andover boys, who finished two places ahead of perennial North Shore League power St. John's Prep of Danvers, had 603 points.

The top four boys teams were Lincoln-Sudbury with 662 points. St. Joseph's High of Pittsfield (657), Mt. Greylock (654) and Mohawk Regional 637.

"If one of the falls in the slalom doesn't happen the boys are state champs," said AHS head coach Tom Busta. "If we had Justin Roy, who was out the second half of the season with an ACL injury, it could have made a big difference for us."

On the girls side, AHS chalked up 579 points to best North Shore League champ Masconomet Regional (9th, 523) and finish just nine points out of second place.

The runaway champ was Mohawk Regional (737), and others slightly ahead of the Lady Warriors were Concord-Carlisle (588), Nashoba Regional of Bolton (586) and Mohawk Regional (580).

"The difference between second and fifth place was a half-second, which translates to about two ski lengths," said coach Busta. "That's ski racing! This is a very unforgiving sport where mistakes and second chances are not allowed.

"From day one, back in late November, our teams were focused and they worked extremely hard.

"Everything just seemed to fall into place this season," said Busta. "The work of coach (Karl) Lippmann, the leadership of the captains (Erin Zuena, Ellen Donahue, Jeff Marshall, Ryan Hayes), our boosters who are second to none, and the support of parents and the athletic department were all crucial to our success.

"There were so many positives. Jessica Moody's second place and freshman Jim Green's first at Interscholastics (see below). Lisa Tylus' 20th place in the slalom at states. (Jeff) Marshall and (John) Colangeli coming back from tough slalom races to have the runs of their life for 15th and 25th in the giant slalom at states.

"Ryan Piazza's second place in the giant slalom at states has a very nice ring to it," said Bosta. "And overcoming the St. John's boys and Masco girls at states was very gratifying.

"We are certainly going to miss the captains and seniors. They have contributed so much to this program. Next season we will commit ourselves again, focus, work hard and see where it takes us. The next practice is November 26, 2001!"

Interscholastic Race

Both Andover teams were second at the annual Interscholastic Race held at Bradford Hill prior to the All-State Meet.

The girls team for Interschols (alphabetically) consisted of Keriann Bartley, Sherri Conrad, Lauren Hayes, Mallory Jaracz, Jessica Moody, Brittany Roy, Lisa Tylus, Jennie Williams and Erin Zuena.

Competing for the boys were John Colangeli, Jim Green, Ryan Hayes, Luke Larsen, Ryan Macomber, Jeff Marshall, Nels Nelson, Ryan Piazza and Nick Stamas.

The girls chalked up 457 points to trail only Masconomet at 491. North Andover was third with 379, Haverhill had 275, Bishop Fenwick 242 and Methuen 159 points.

On the boys side, Andover finished at 550 while winner St. John's Prep had 672.

North Andover was third with 542 and Methuen fourth with 540, followed by Masconomet at 416, Haverhill 345, Bishop Fenwick 294 and Austin Prep 244.

The points were accumulated from individual runs in both the slalom and giant slalom.

In the girls slalom, Moody placed second, Conrad third, Tylus fifth, Hayes 13th, Roy 18th, Williams 21st, Jaracz 23rd and Zuena 28th.

In the giant slalom Tylus was sixth, Moody seventh, Conrad ninth, Roy 14th, Hayes 15th, Zuena 19th, Williams 22nd and Jaracz 34th.

Top 10 finishers overall were Moody in second, Tylus fifth and Conrad seventh.

Green was first in the slalom race for the boys, ninth in the giant slalom and first overall.

Colangeli was ninth in the slalom and 14th in the giant slalom, Piazza 13th slalom and 15th giant slalom, Hayes 25th in both races, Marshall 26th in both, Macomber 30th slalom and 37th giant slalom, Nelson 36th slalom and 41st giant slalom, Larsen 46th slalom and 47th giant slalom.

Regular season points

The AHS girls completed the North Shore League season in second place behind Masconomet Regional with a 10-2 record, while the AHS boys were also second to St. John's Prep with an 11-3 mark.

Sherri Conrad was the top regular season scorer for the Lady Warriors with 141 points in dual- and tri-meets. Close behind was Lisa Tylus with 128.5 points and others over 100 were Jessica Moody with 112 and Lauren Hayes 103.

Brittany Roy had 83 points, Jennie Williams 73, Mallory Jaracz 62, Capt. Erin Zuena 61, Keriann Bartley 44, Courtney Conlon 21, Erica Finger 20, Lauren Underhill 13, Sloan McCauley 11, Capt. Ellen Donahue 10 and Libby Driscoll seven.

Ryan Piazza topped the AHS boys with 170 points, Capt. Jeff Marshall had 158, Capt. Ryan Hayes 152, Jim Green 144 and John Colangeli 124.

Luke Larsen scored 91 points, Justin Roy 84, Nels Nelson 67.5, Ryan Macomber 59, Jordan Thibault 39, Nick Stamas 31, Rich LaFranchi 26, Aaron Dynes 22, Brady Reed 18, Ray Bill 11 and Wil Chen six.

INDOOR TRACK

Sheena Patel capped a fine winter track season by placing among the top 10 individuals in a field of 104 athletes at the annual Girls State Pentathlon Championships held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

Patel set a new school record in the five-event competition with 2,686 points.

The Massachusetts high school version of the pentathlon tested each athlete's skills and versatility in two running events, two jumping events and one throwing event.

Patel highlighted her evening by finishing second in the 55-meter hurdles with a 9.2 clocking. She was also sixth overall in the 800 meters with a 2:31.3 time.

Rounding out her performances were a 15'7" leap in the long jump, 4'6" in the high jump and 24'0" in the shot put toss.

Patel combined with Stephanie Pierce and Caitlin Murphy to form the three-person AHS team that finished sixth overall with 6,729 points.

Central Catholic edged Scituate for the team title as both topped 7,100 total points.

Pierce contributed 2,243 points which included a winning 9.1-second effort in the hurdles. She cleared 4'8" in the high jump, long-jumped 14 feet, threw the shot 28 feet and ran the 800 meters in 3:08.8.

Murphy, who chipped in with exactly 1,800 points, was strongest in the 800 meters with a 2:46.6 time.

She ran the hurdles in 9.6, threw the shot 22 feet and soared 13'6" in the long jump.

Bruce Brown was an individual competitor in the Boys State Pentathlon held the following night at the Lewis Center.

Brown finished in 38th place with 2,572 points.

He was sixth overall in the shot put with a 38'10" toss, and added a 5'1" effort in the high jump, 19'3" in the long jump, 3:08.9 in the 800 meters and 9.6 in the hurdles.

Baseball Summer School

The eighth annual Andover Warrior Summer Baseball School will run in three weekly sessions June 25-29, July 9-13 and July 16-20 at the West Middle School field complex.

The camp is for youngsters ages seven to 15 years. Daily sessions start at 8:30 a.m. and run until 2 p.m. Highlights include drill stations for specific fundamentals. All participants must have updated physical and immunization forms.

For more information call Ken Maglio at 978-623-8709.

Andover Church League girls capture crown

Andover Church Basketball League players captured both the 5th-and 6th-grade championships in the girls division of the annual St. Augustine's of Lawrence Tournament.

With 14 teams in each division of the double-elimination tourney, the 5th-grade group defeated Billerica, Salem, N.H., North Andover and Billerica again in convincing fashion.

Members of the winning Andover team included Laura Renfro, Ilana Cohen, Katelyn Caro, Meghan Thomann, Lauren Hughes, Catherine Lomedico, Hannah Nichols, Kelly Driscoll, Allison DiSalvo, Taylor Wailes and Allison Umlah.

Lauren Hughes was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

The champs were coached by Larry Renfro and Dave Nichols.

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The 6th-grade squad also went undefeated with consecutive wins over Sacred Heart of Haverhill, Melrose AAU, Our Lady of Good Council of Lawrence, Methuen and Billerica.

The team, coached by Susan Rogers, included Maggie Cosgrove, Whitney Hughes, Sarah Lomedico, Christina Peracchi, Alison Navarro, Emma Kfeckhafer, Kasey O'Dea, Brittany Weeks, Caroline O'Malley and Brianna Gross.

Maggie Cosgrove was the tourney MVP.

SPORTSTALK

By Rick Harrison

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth standouts and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to the office at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, Ma. 01810 or faxed to (978) 470-2819.

Krit Kearins of Andover is a freshman diver on the Plymouth State College women's swim and dive team.

Kearins has the top scores for the Lady Panthers this season in both the one-meter and three-meter diving.

Her best performance off the one-meter board is 212.40 points, while off the three-meter board it is 204.25 points.

Kearins swept first place in both events against Westfield State College, and she was first in the one-meter diving in a win versus Salem State.

Last year, as a senior at Andover High, Kearins was a key member of both the Lady Warriors' state swim and state gymnastics championship teams.

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David Powers of Andover, a captain of the Andover High and Andover Post 8 American Legion baseball teams, was recently accepted to Amherst College where he will continue his baseball career under veteran coach Bill Thurston.

Powers was a Merrimack Valley Conference and Eagle Tribune All-Star and was voted the Unsung Hero Award for AHS baseball last spring.

He was in the top three percent of his graduating class and was a National Honor Society member.

Powers is currently a High Honors student at Deerfield Academy where he is a member of the varsity basketball and baseball teams.

He is also active in the Big Brother program and as a volunteer with the Senior Center.

He will play in the Cocoa Beach, Fla. Invitational Baseball Tournament in March.

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Abby Dennehy of Andover has signed a national letter of intent to play field hockey for the NCAA Division 2 UMass Lowell River Hawks next fall.

The Andover High senior field hockey standout was an All-Scholastic choice last fall and was voted MVP of the Merrimack Valley Conference by the league coaches.

She was also selected for the Best 60 Games involving the top senior field hockey players from across the state.

Dennehy plans to major in exercise physiology at UMass Lowell.

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Kerry Nugent of Andover, captain of the girls ice hockey team at Brooks School in North Andover, will play at Brown University next winter.

The Providence, R.I. school has one of the top-rated women's hockey teams in the country.

Nugent, a product of Andover youth sports programs, is also a soccer and softball captain at Brooks.

She holds numerous school records in hockey including most goals (87) and most total points (130).

Last summer Nugent participated at the National Camp in Lake Placid, N.Y., playing with and against present and future Olympians and National Team members.

She was also named Team Massachusetts MVP during the Hockey Night in Boston Tournament at Merrimack College last August.

After considering scholarship offers from other Division 1 colleges, Nugent decided she wanted to be an Ivy Leaguer.

"The girls hockey program in Andover has really exploded over the past four years," said Brooks' head coach Kevin Breen. "Hopefully, Kerry's success will inspire more local girls to stay with ice hockey — especially since there are now more opportunities than ever for these girls to play in high school and college."

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Among the Andover athletes set to compete in the upcoming 2001 Bay State Winter Games are figure skaters Mallory Jaracz, Kate Lundquist and Tara Sweeney of Andover.

The Games begin Jan. 26 and run through Jan. 11. The figure skating competition will be held Jan. 26-28 at Lansing Rink on the campus of Williams College in Amherst.

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Susie Tully of Andover is currently in the middle of her senior season as a member of the Stonehill College women's basketball team.

Recently Tully and her teammates were at Merrimack College for a Northeast-10 Conference game, and she hit 7-of-11 floor shots on the way to a game-high 15 points as the Lady Chieftains won, 64-50.

Tully also contributed four rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot.

The 6'2" center and Lady Chieftains' captain began the season with exactly 600 career points (7.1 ave.), 359 rebounds, 88 blocked shots, 39 assists and a .485 field goal percentage over three years and 85 games (51 starts).

Last year Tully was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Philadelphia University Tip-Off Classic after averaging 17.5 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

She scored a season-high 20 points when she returned to the local area for a Northeast-10 Conference game against Merrimack College at the Volpe Center.

Two years ago, as a sophomore, she helped Stonehill grab an NCAA Division 3 Tournament berth.

She was also named to the All-Tournament Team at the Lynn DoubleTree Shootout.

Tully was a two-time Merrimack Valley Conference All-Star and All-Scholastic at Andover High and started for the Lady Warriors' team that reached the State Division 1 championship game against Minnechaug Regional.

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Matt Muench of Andover was a sophomore 6-foot-3, 235-pound tight end on the 2000 University of Richmond football team.

Muench red-shirted in 1998 and played in one game last fall for the Spiders.

He was a standout three-year letterman in football, basketball and track at Andover High and lettered in football as a post-graduate at Worcester Academy.

His older brother Steve was an offensive lineman at Richmond.

The Spiders are a member of the Atlantic-10 Conference (champs in 1998)..

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Victoria Costello of Andover was a junior defender on the women's soccer team at William Smith College located on the western shores of Seneca Lake in Geneva, N.Y.

Costello, a graduate of Brooks School in North Andover, was one of 14 returning letterwinners for the Herons who finished 15-4 last year.

This fall William Smith won the NCAA Northeast Regional championship, Costello helping the cause with one goal, one assist and some solid defensive play in 14 games.

The Herons were 14-5-1 overall, finishing the season 10-1-1 after a 4-4 start. They fell one victory shy of the NCAA semifinals.

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David Holmes of Andover was a senior forward on the men's soccer team at Washington University in St. Louis this past fall.

The returning letterman is a graduate of Phillips Academy.

The Bears were 6-5 after 11 games. Holmes played in seven of those games and had four shots on net.

All St. Augustine finale for Church Basketball

St. Augustine B completed an undefeated championship season in the Andover Church Basketball League Girls Senior Division by squeezing past second-place intra-church rival St. Augustine C, 16-15, in the finale for both teams recently at the Andover High Field House.

Maggie Lamond and Danielle Richards led the balanced attack with four points apiece while Maura Daniels, Andrea Martin, Lauren Reed and Casey Salois added a basket each for the champs.

St. Augustine B led 7-4 at the half, and with the momentum in comebacking St. Augustine C's favor in the second half the B-team masterfully froze the ball with adept passing in the final minute.

Had SAC won it would have tied for the top and forced a special one-game playoff. St. Augustine B finished at 10-0 and St. Augustine C at 8-2.

Briga Heelan had a game-high five points for SAC, Catherine Charlebois added four and single baskets were contributed by Lauren Ciampa, Mary Keohane and Caroline Pierce.

The first time these two evenly-matched teams met this season the game went to double overtime before the B-team prevailed.

Completing the champs' roster are Stephanie Feeney, Libby Fortier, Bridget Jenkins, Brittany Jessup and Michelle Pirro.

The team was coached by Paul Fortier and Dave Richards.

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In the ACBL Boys Senior Division, St. Augustine F also completed an undefeated season at 9-0 with a 41-36 triumph over Temple Emanuel in the last game.

Tom Tassinari led the way with 16 points and Colin Hutzler added 12.

Completing the champs' roster were Mike Baldwin, Tyler Carroll, Mike D'Angelo, Eric Donahue, Brad Durkin, Mike Fortier, Chris Gibson, Benjamin Ossoff and Chris Palmieri.

ANDOVER CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
at AHS Field House
Girls Senior Division
WEEK 10

South Church 24
West Parish 23

SOUTH: Erin Korte 10 pts; Heather Flemming 6 pts; Caitrin Coffey, Lauren Elias, Colleen Irby, Donna Shin 2 pts. each. WEST: Kayla Parker 8 pts; Meredith Peck 7 pts; Marie Provencher 6 pts; Leslie Pech 2 pts.

Halftime: South Church, 11-4. Note: Trailing by seven points at the half, West Parish made it interesting as Kayla Parker, Marie Provencher and Meredith Peck combined for 17 second-half points.

Christ Church 20
St. Augustine A 18

CHRIST CHURCH: Noelle Petrillo 7 pts; Leslie Barber 6 pts; Emma Haak, Kerry Hill, Anna Johnson 2 pts. each; Lexi Caffrey 1 pt. SAA: Kerry Haugh 8 pts; Sara Christopher 5 pts; Jessica Prencipe 4 pts; Kristin Walsh 1 pt.

Halftime: Church Church, 7-4.

St. Robert's A 14
St. Robert's B 6

SRA: Allison Brown, Amanda Chomicz 6 pts. each; Sara Kelleher 2 pts. SRB: Maureen Gaj 4 pts; Kara McCall 2 pts.

Halftime: St. Robert's A, 6-4. Note: Allison Brown scored six second-half points to break the game open for St. Robert's A.

ANDOVER CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
at AHS Field House
Boys Senior Division

WEEK 10

St. Augustine F 41
Temple Emanuel 36

SAF: Tom Tassinari 16 pts; Colin Hutzler 12 pts; Benjamin Ossoff, Tyler Carroll 4 pts. each; Chris Palmieri 3 pts; Mike D'Angelo 2 pts. TEMPLE: Pardeep Thandi 16 pts; Joe Savoca 8 pts; David Shack 7 pts; Jason Sheldon 3 pts; Lenny Kublin 2 pts.

Halftime: St. Augustine F, 17-14. Note: Division champ St. Augustine F finished the season undefeated, but Temple Emanuel gave the champs a run despite missing key players Matt Dion and Fletch Irby.

St. Augustine B 24
St. Augustine D 19

SAB: Jerry Mohan 8 pts; Brian Coffey, Adam Spang 6 pts. each; Gregory Cyr, Bryn Tulip 2 pts. each. SAD: Patrick Hughes 6 pts; Rich Corbin, Andrew Whiting 4 pts. each; Matt Josephson 3 pts; Matt Jaroche 2 pts.

Halftime: St. Augustine D, 11-8.

St. Augustine E 53
South Church 30

SAE: John Formichella 17 pts; Mike Cerchione 13 pts; Matt Furness 12 pts; Tommy Cahill 6 pts; Geoff Stevens 3 pts; Greg Spurr 2 pts. SOUTH: Connor Beatty 7 pts; Adam Rousmaniere 6 pts; Greg Levis 5 pts; R.J. Puntoni, Chris Robbat 4 pts. each; Frank Pierro, Jared Thomas 2 pts. each.

Halftime: St. Augustine E, 25-17. Note: St. Augustine E had too much board strength for the younger South team.

St. Robert's A 27
St. Augustine C 24

SRA: Mike Barry 16 pts; Brian Thompson 5 pts; Danny Brennan, Paul Sartori, Paul Schrader 2 pts. each. SAC: Shaheen Ghandchi 6 pts; Jeff Bakkensen, Andrew Ciampa, James Primes, Rakesh Singh 4 pts. each; Mike Besser 2 pts.

Halftime: St. Augustine C, 15-11. Note: Mike Barry (7) and Brian Thompson (5) combined for 12 points as SRA overcame a four-point halftime deficit.

St. Augustine A 35
St. Robert's B 24

SAA: Andrew Hennessey 14 pts; Joe Fitzpatrick 7 pts; Greg Carroll 6 pts; John Federico, Tim Tuveson 4 pts. each. SRB: Louis Peracchi 10 pts; Jimmy Muller 8 pts; Dan Vining 4 pts; Mike Ahern 2 pts.

Halftime: St. Augustine A, 19-14.

Earlier Games
WEEK 8

St. Robert's A 29
St. Augustine B 20

SRA: Mike Barry 10 pts; Brian Thompson 6 pts; Brandon Sullivan 3 pts; Danny Brennan, Chris Muscatello, Paul Sartori, Paul Schrader, Jon Taylor 2 pts. each. SAB: Jonathan Derby, Jerry Mohan, Adam Spang 6 pts. each; Mike Stewart 2 pts.

Halftime: St. Robert's A, 23-8. Note: St. Robert's A burst out of the gate fast and led the entire game

St. Augustine A 33
St. Augustine C 26

SAA: Andrew Hennessey, Joe Fitz-

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ACBL

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patrick 7 pts. each; Tim Tuveson, Mike Gianopoulos 6 pts. each; Greg Carroll 4 pts; Mike Anderson 3 pts. SAC: James Primes 8 pts; David Musto 4 pts; Jeff Bakkensen, Andrew Ciampa, Shaheen Ghandchi, Mike McSheehy, Rakesh Singh, Steve Twomey, Alex Tzavalas 2 pts. each.

Halftime: St. Augustine A, 21-12.

St. Augustine F 39
St. Robert's B 19

SAF: Mike D'Angelo 7 pts; Chris Palmieri, Tom Tassinari 6 pts. each; Colin Hutzler 5 pts; Mike Fortier 4 pts; Brad Durkin 3 pts; Mike Baldwin, Tyler Carroll, Eric Donahue, Chris Gibson 2 pts. each. SRB: Louis Peracchi 9 pts; Dan Vining 4 pts; Mike Ahern 3 pts; Mark Pereira 2 pts; Peter Brown 1 pt.

Halftime: St. Augustine F, 22-13.

WEEK 7

St. Augustine E 20
St. Augustine C 18

SAE: Geoff Stevens 12 pts; John Formichella 6 pts; Eric Champion 2 pts. SAC: James Primes 6 pts; David Muston 4 pts; Andrew Ciampa, Shaheen Ghandchi, Rakesh Singh, Alex Tzavalas 2 pts. each.

Halftime: St. Augustine C, 8-2. Note: With several key players out, SAE narrowly averted an upset with a strong second half led by Geoff Stevens (10 points) and John Formichella (6).

Temple Emanuel 37
St. Augustine D 20

TEMPLE: Fletch Irby 8 pts; Matt Dion 7 pts; Pardeep Thandi 6 pts; Brendon Orent, Jason Sheldon 4 pts. each; Mitch Turow 3 pts; Joe Savoca, David Shack 2 pts. each; Greg Finger 1 pt. SAD: Patrick Hughes 8 pts; Matt Josephson 4 pts; Chris Herlich, Bryan O'Connor, Matt Pescatore, Andrew Whiting 2 pts. each.

Halftime: Temple Emanuel, 21-9.

St. Augustine F 25
St. Robert's A 20

SAF: Chris Palmieri 8 pts; Colin Hutzler 7 pts; Chris Gibson 4 pts; Eric Donahue, Mike Fortier, Ben Ossoff 2 pts. each. SRA: Brandon Sullivan 8 pts; Mike Barry 7 pts; Brian Thompson 3 pts; Paul Schrader 2 pts.

Halftime: St. Augustine F, 19-14.

St. Augustine A 26
South Church 25

SAA: Greg Carroll, Andrew Hennessey 9 pts. each; Joe Fitzpatrick, Jacob Stamas 4 pts. each. SOUTH: Greg Levis 7 pts; Max Ball 6 pts; Connor Beatty, Chris Robbat 4 pts. each; Sam Ball, Danny McDonnell 2 pts. each.

Halftime: St. Augustine A, 12-11.

Ballardvale United 38
St. Robert's B 21

UNITED: Colin Sullivan 9 pts; Matt Hogan 8 pts; Matt Malloy 5 pts; Nathan Altshuler, Dan Robichaud, Jack Thorlin 4 pts. each; David Ong, John Penny 2 pts. each. SRB: Jimmy Muller 6 pts; John Fox, Dan Vining 4 pts. each; Louis Peracchi 3 pts; Mike Ahern, Peter Brown 2 pts. each.

Halftime: Ballardvale, 22-2. Note: BU's inside power controlled the game.

WEEK 6

St. Robert's B 29
St. Augustine B 18

SRB: Louis Peracchi 18 pts; Jimmy Muller 8 pts; Mark Pereira 2 pts; John Fox 1 pt. SAB: Brian Coffey, Adam Spang 6 pts. each; Jerry Mohan 4 pts; Jonathan Derby 2 pts.

Halftime: St. Robert's B, 10-4.

St. Augustine C 30
Temple Emanuel 27

SAC: James Primes 11 pts; David Musto 9 pts; Mike McSheehy 4 pts; Andrew Ciampa, Steve Twomey, Alex Tzavalas 2 pts. each. TEMPLE: Pardeep Thandi 9 pts; Fletch Irby 6 pts; Matt Dion, Jason Sheldon 4 pts; Brendon Orent, Joe Savoca 2 pts. each.

Halftime: St. Augustine C, 20-10. Note: Temple never fully recovered from a cold-shooting first half.

St. Augustine E 29
St. Augustine D 18

SAE: Mike Cerchione 12 pts; Tommy Cahill 10 pts; Greg Spurr 6 pts; Geoff Stevens 1 pt. SAD: Patrick Hughes, Matt Josephson 6 pts. each; Richard Corbin, Nicholas Espillat, Matt Jaroche 2 pts. each.

Halftime: St. Augustine E, 19-8. Note: Tommy Cahill and Mike Cerchione were on fire in the first half, combining for 18 points to lead the winners.

St. Robert's A 31
South Church 24

SRA: Mike Barry 12 pts; Brian Thompson 7 pts; Chris Muscatello, Paul Schrader, Jon Taylor 4 pts. each. SOUTH: Adam Rousmaniere 10 pts; Max Ball, Greg Levis 4 pts. each; Sam Ball, R.J. Puntoni, Chris Robbat 2 pts. each.

Halftime: St. Robert's A, 13-12. Note: Despite the hot outside shooting of Adam Rousmaniere SRA remained in the title hunt.

Ballarvale United 28
St. Augustine A 19

UNITED: Matt Hogan 6 pts; Matt Malloy, John Penny, Dan Robichaud, Jack Thorlin 4 pts. each; Tyler Fitzpatrick, David Ong, Alec Yount 2 pts. each. SAA: Jacob Stamas 6 pts; Andrew Hennessey 5 pts; Mike Anderson, Greg Carroll, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Jared Taylor 2 pts. each.

Halftime: Ballardvale United, 11-8.

WEEK 5

St. Augustine F 31
St. Augustine D 28

SAF: Colin Hutzler 8 pts; Ben Ossoff, Chris Palmieri 6 pts. each; Tom Tassinari 4 pts; Brad Durkin 3 pts; Eric Donahue 2 pts; Mike Fortier, Chris Gibson 1 pt. each. SAD: Matt Josephson 10 pts; Patrick Hughes 8 pts; Rich Corbin 4 pts; Matt Jaroche, Matt Pescatore, Mike Saba 2 pts. each.

Halftime: St. Augustine D, 18-17. Note: Strong rebounding by Hughes (6'2") and Josephson (5'10") almost allowed St. Augustine D to pull off the upset. St. Augustine F held 5-0 scoring edge at free throw line.

Temple Emanuel 34
St. Augustine A 23

TEMPLE: Matt Dion 11 pts; Pardeep Thandi 7 pts; Fletch Irby, Joe Savoca, Jason Sheldon 4 pts. each; Eric Ginsburg, Brendon Orent 2 pts. each. SAA: Jacob Stamas, Tim Tuveson 6 pts. each; Joe Fitzpatrick 5 pts; Mike Anderson 4 pts; Andrew Hennessey 2 pts.

Halftime: Temple, 22-15. Note: Dion scored all of his game-high 11 points in first half.

St. Robert's A 29
St. Augustine E 28 (ot)

SRA: Mike Barry 12 pts; Brian Thompson 6 pts; Brandon Sullivan 5 pts; Paul Schrader 4 pts; Paul Sartori 2 pts. SAE: John Formichella 13 pts; Eric Champion 8 pts; Tommy Cahill 5 pts; Matt Furness 2 pts.

Halftime: St. Robert's A, 14-13. Note: Thompson's two free throws in overtime offset one by Cahill to clinch the win for SRA.

Ballardvale United 30
St. Augustine B 14

UNITED: Colin Sullivan 8 pts; Nathan Altshuler, Matt Malloy & John Penny 6 pts. each; David Ong 4 pts. SAB: Brian Coffey, Jerry Mohan 5 pts. each; Mike Stewart, Adam Spang 2 pts. each

Halftime: Ballardvale United, 22-5.

South Church 23
St. Augustine C 19

SOUTH: Adam Rousmaniere 10 pts; Chris Robbat 5 pts; Max Ball, Connor Beatty, Mark Rauseo & Jared Thomas 2 pts. each. SAC: David Musto 7 pts; Ryan Sirois 6 pts; Mike McSheehy 4 pts; Shaheen Ghandchi 2 pts.

Halftime: St. Augustine C, 10-7. Note: Guard Rousmaniere scored 5 second-half points to lead come-from-behind win.

ACBL standings
Senior Boys Division
Final

W	L	PF	PA
St. Augustine F 9	0	296	185
Ballardvale United 7	2	243	172
Temple Emanuel 6	3	282	217
St. Augustine E 6	3	275	193
St. Robert's A 6	3	241	228
St. Augustine A 6	4	255	271
St. Robert's B 3	6	228	300
South Church 3	6	224	250
St. Augustine C 3	6	199	233
St. Augustine B 1	8	150	239
St. Augustine D 0	9	189	266

Senior Girls Division
Final

W	L	PF	PA
St. Augustine B 10	0	213	130
St. Augustine C 8	2	264	192
South Church 5	5	220	215
West Parish 5	5	211	201
Christ Church 4	6	156	167
St. Augustine A 3	7	172	186
St. Robert's A 3	7	160	217
St. Robert's B 2	8	161	221

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By Rick Harrison

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Krit Kearins of Andover is a freshman diver on the Plymouth State College women's swim and dive team.

Kearins has the top scores for the Lady Panthers this season in both the one-meter and three-meter diving.

Her best performance off the one-meter board is 212.40 points, while off the three-meter board it is 204.25 points.

Kearins swept first place in both events against Westfield State College, and she was first in the one-meter diving in a win versus Salem State.

Last year, as a senior at Andover High, Kearins was a key member of both the Lady Warriors' state swim and state gymnastics championship teams.

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David Powers of Andover, a captain of the Andover High and Andover Post 8 American Legion baseball teams, was recently accepted to Amherst College where he will continue his baseball career under veteran coach Bill Thurston.

Krit Kearins

Abby Dennehy

Susie Tully

Powers was a Merrimack Valley Conference and *Eagle Tribune* All-Star and was voted the Unsung Hero Award for AHS baseball last spring.

He was in the top three percent of his graduating class and was a National Honor Society member.

Powers is currently a high honors student at Deerfield Academy where he is a member of the varsity basketball and baseball teams.

He is also active in the Big Brother program and as a volunteer with the Senior Center.

He will play in the Cocoa Beach, Fla. Invitational Baseball Tournament in March.

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Abby Dennehy of Andover has signed a national letter of intent to play field hockey for the NCAA Division 2 UMass Lowell River Hawks next fall.

The Andover High senior field hockey standout was an All-Scholastic choice last fall and was voted MVP of the Merrimack Valley Conference by the league coaches.

She was also selected for the Best 60 Games involving the top senior field hockey players from across the state.

Dennehy plans to major in exercise physiology at UMass Lowell.

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Susie Tully of Andover is currently in the middle of her senior season as a member of the Stonehill College women's basketball team.

Recently Tully and her teammates were at Merrimack College for a Northeast-10 Conference game, and she hit 7-of-11 floor shots on the way to a game-high 15 points as the Lady Chieftains won, 64-50.

Tully also contributed four rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot.

The 6'2" center and Lady Chieftains' captain began the season with exactly 600 career points (7.1 ave.), 359 rebounds, 88 blocked shots, 39 assists and a .485 field goal percentage over three years and 85 games (51 starts).

Last year Tully was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Philadelphia University Tip-Off Classic after averaging 17.5 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

She scored a season-high 20 points when she returned to the local area for a Northeast-10 Conference game against Merrimack College at the Volpe Center.

Two years ago, as a sophomore, she helped Stonehill grab an NCAA Division 3 Tournament berth.

She was also named to the All-Tournament Team at the Lynn DoubleTree Shootout.

Tully was a two-time Merrimack Valley Conference All-Star and All-Scholastic at Andover High and started for the Lady Warriors' team that reached the State Division 1 championship game against Minnechaug Regional.

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David Holmes of Andover was a senior forward on the men's soccer team at Washington University in St. Louis this past fall.

The returning letterman is a graduate of Phillips Academy.

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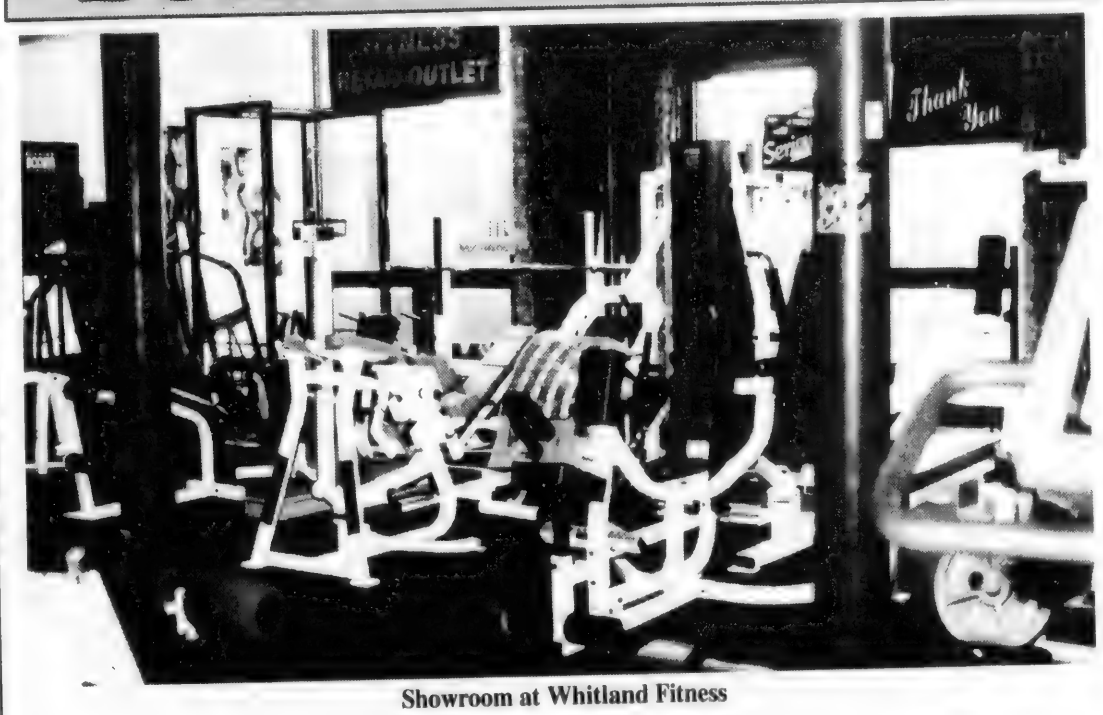

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SOUTHERLY 125 feet by lot numbered 15 as shown on said plan; and

WESTERLY 120 feet by Bowdoin Road.

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March 8, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION

Docket No. 01P0448-AA1

NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF **ANN G. MARUDZINSKI otherwise known as ANN MARUDZINSKI**

To all persons interested in the estate of ANN G. MARUDZINSKI otherwise known as ANN MARUDZINSKI late of the County of Essex Date of Death, January 1, 2001

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by DIANE COLLINSON KEEFE named in said will as DIANE COLLINSON of Errol in the State of New Hampshire praying that she be appointed administratrix with the will annexed thereof without giving sureties on her bond. HOWARD J. CAMUSO, first named executor in said will having declined to serve.

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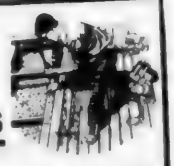
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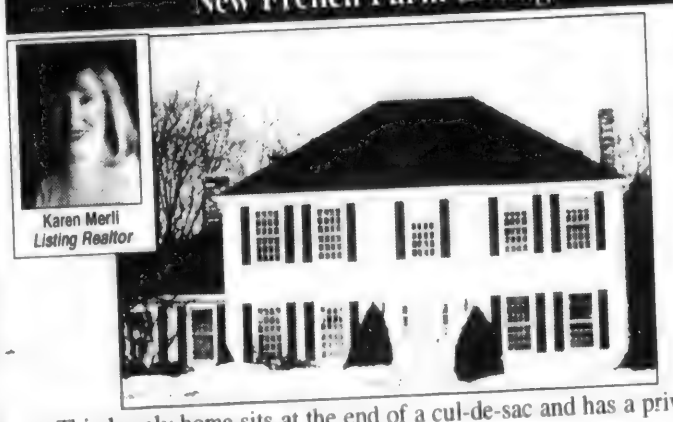

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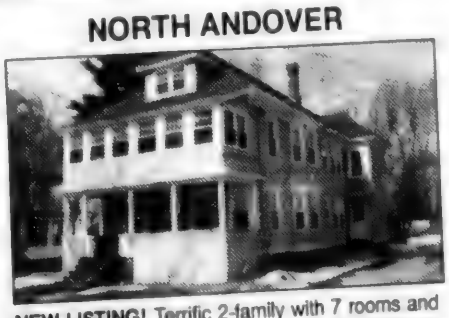

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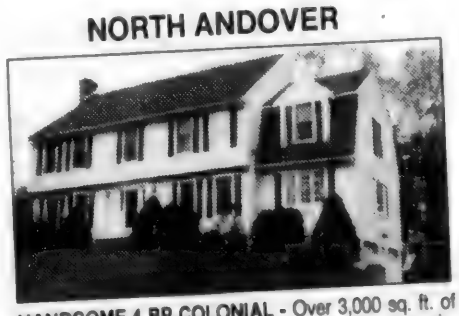

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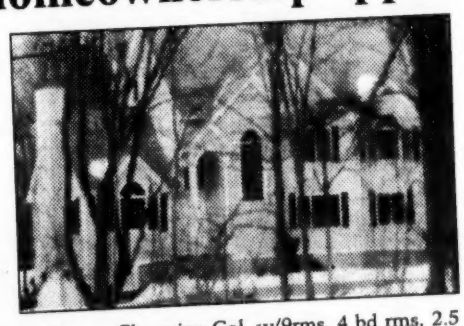

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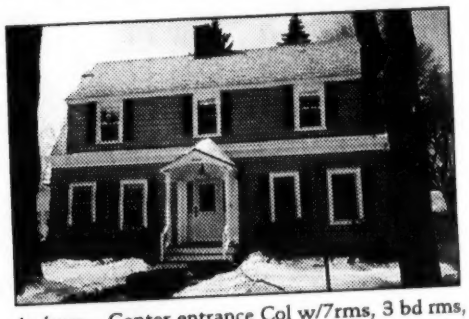

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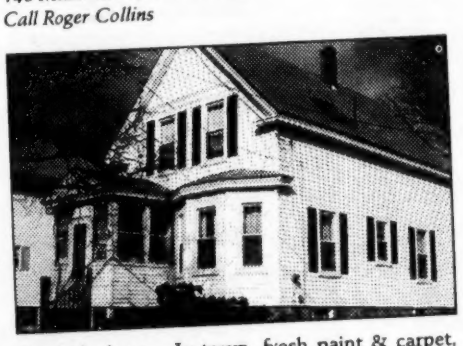

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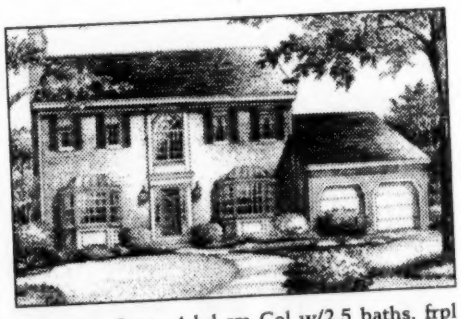

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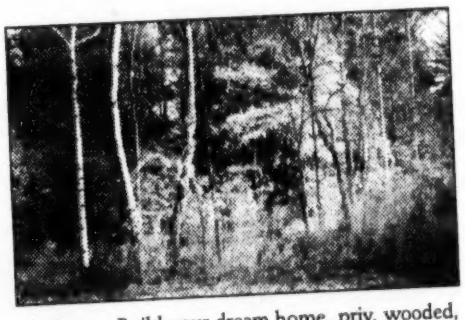

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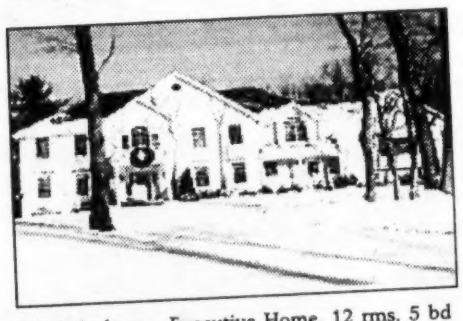

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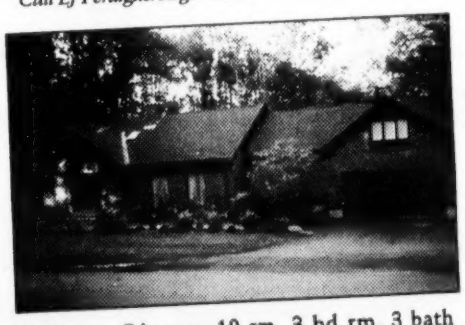

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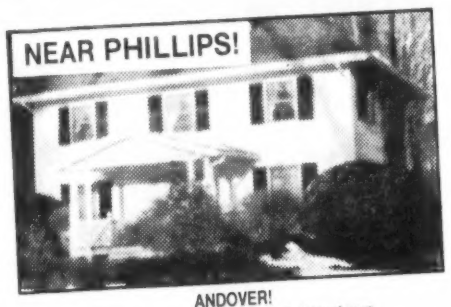

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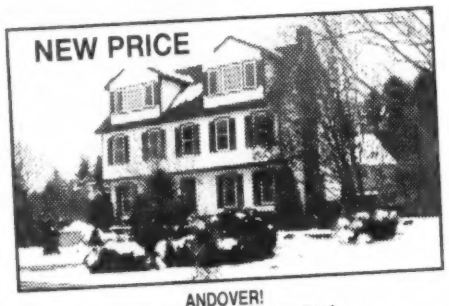

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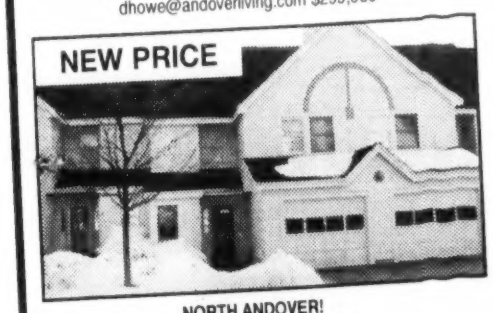

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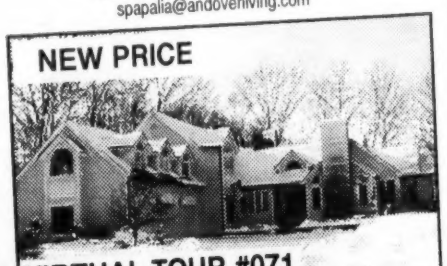

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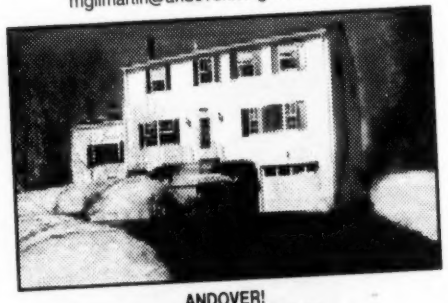

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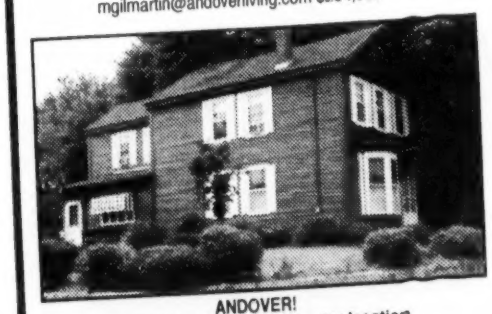
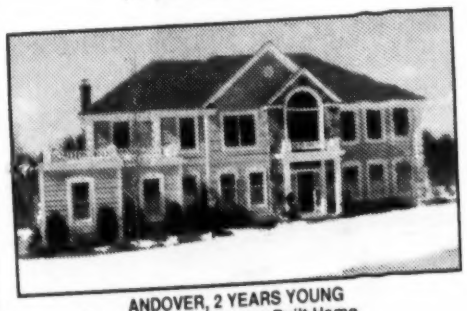
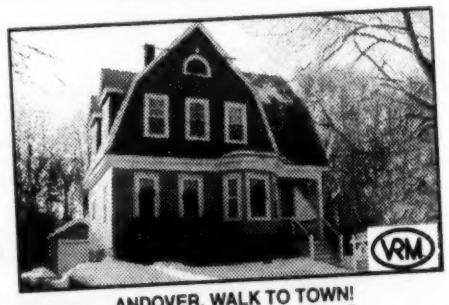
Colonial set on private 2+ acres
spectacular cath ceiling great room
9 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ super kit
pool ~ patio ~ deck
A listing by Dick Barrett x131 ~ $489,000
dbarrett@andoverliving.com



ANDOVER!
South School ~ great commuter location
inground pool ~ patio ~ screened house
charming kitchen w/breakfast nook
8 rooms ~ 4 bedrooms ~ security system
new roof and replacement windows
A listing by Janice Furey x246 $318,000
jfurey@andoverliving.com



ANDOVER, 2 YEARS YOUNG
A Wynwood Custom Built Home
near Phillips Academy & Pike School
5300+ sq. ft. living space ~ amenities galore
Scandia kitchen ~ bridal staircase ~ 2FP
11 rm ~ 4/5 BR ~ 3 car detached
Another listing by Amy Sebell x236
amy@amysebell.com ~ $1,250,000



ANDOVER, WALK TO TOWN!
"Real charmer of yesteryear"
Terrific neighborhood ~ 8 rm Dutch Colonial
3/4 bedrooms ~ detached gar w/new roof
new windows ~ new porch
abuts town conservation land ~
Another listing by The Moody Team x251
VRM 34 range $279,900 - $318,876

WATERFRONT

NORTH ANDOVER, TWO, 5+ ACRE LOTS!
Desirable Great Pond Area
1 has frontage on Lake Cochechiwick
Master builder will build out,
or purchase lot
All town facilities ~ underground utilities
$429,900 and $549,900
Listings by Sue Papalia x130

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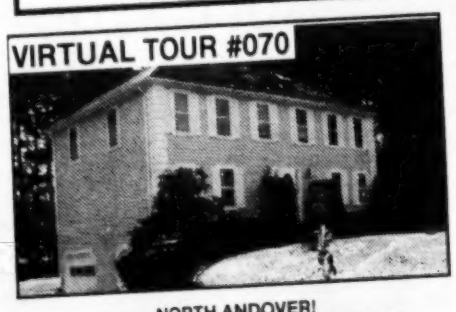

NORTH ANDOVER!
Completely remodeled hip roof Colonial
set back on acre lot ~ woodsy cul-de-sac
8 rms ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ near riding trails
additional fin rm & bath in lower level
light & bright ~ lots of HW ~ $475,000
Another listing by Deborah Lucci Perrone x126
dperrone@andoverliving.com

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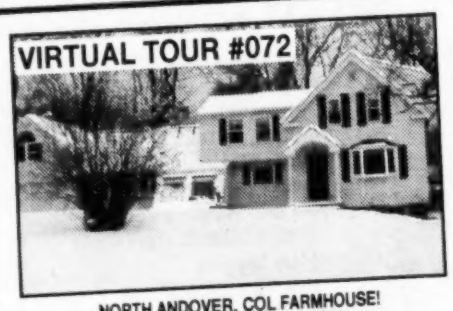
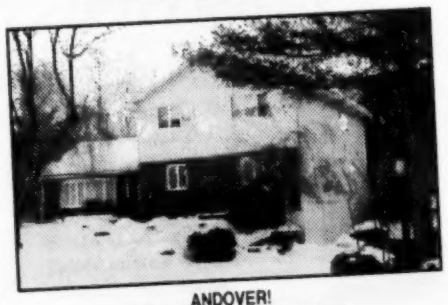


NORTH ANDOVER, COL FARMHOUSE!
WALK TO SARGENT SCHOOL
move-in condition ~ new appliances
7 rooms ~ 3 BR ~ 2 full baths ~ HW
walkout basement ~ huge 2 car garage
estate-like grounds ~ $389,900
A listing by Nick Geranios x121
ngeranios@andoverliving.com



ANDOVER!
Colonial w/loads of living space
beautiful acre plus lot ~ landscaped grounds
large tiled foyer ~ 3 fireplaces
9 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 3700 sq ft
banquet size din rm ~ 2400 sq ft in low lev
A listing by Beth Poulo x221
bpoulo@andoverliving.com $599,900

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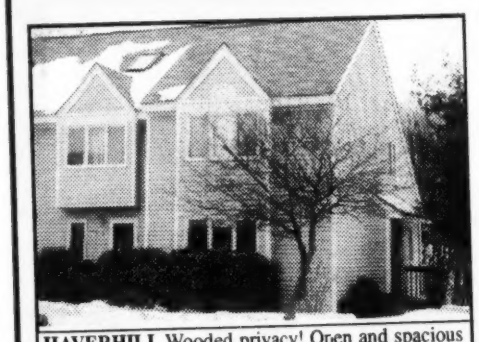
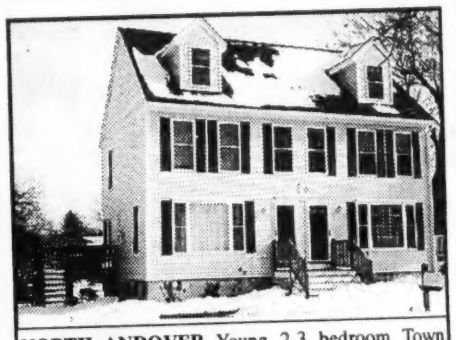
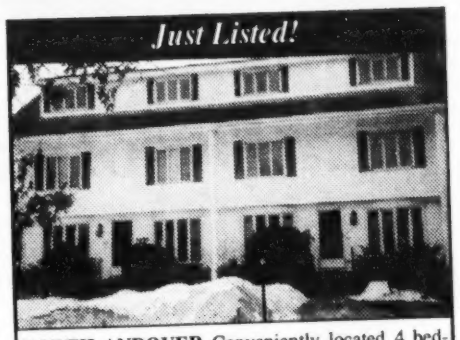


HAVERHILL Wooded privacy! Open and spacious end unit at desirable Hunter's Run. Two bedrooms, 2 full baths, vaulted ceiling living room, loft - super condition, neutral decor.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $174,900**



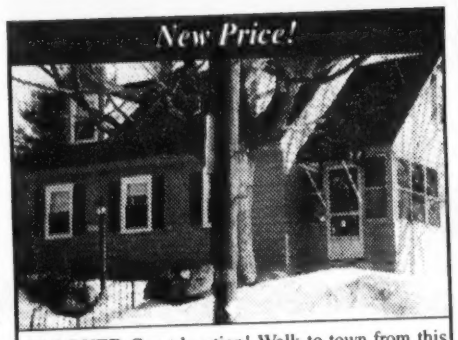
NORTH ANDOVER Young 2-3 bedroom Town House Condex with many upgrades. Gas fireplace in living room, skylights in family room, hardwood, 1.5 baths, sliders to sun deck. Good location near town center.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $225,000**

Just Listed!



NORTH ANDOVER Conveniently located 4 bedroom Condex in neighborhood setting. Sun-filled living room and dining room with fireplace, 2.5 baths, bonus room in finished lower level.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $249,500**

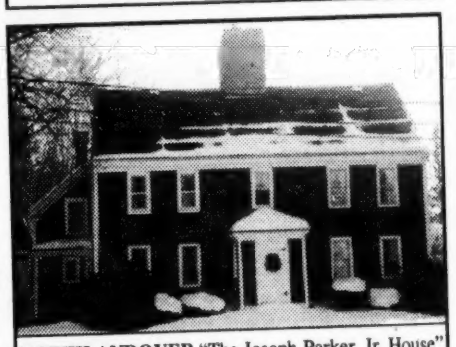
New Price!



ANDOVER Great location! Walk to town from this picture perfect lovingly cared for 2 bedroom Cape - newer heating system, new windows and freshly painted.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $279,000**

Just Listed!

ANDOVER In-town 3 bedroom, 2 bath Antique Colonial circa 1884. Many original features, period moldings, hardwood - great corner lot. Needs work - sold "as is".
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $329,900**



NORTH ANDOVER "The Joseph Parker, Jr. House" Center chimney Georgian Farmhouse, wide pine floors, 2 beehive ovens, 6 fireplaces, updated elec., heat, roof and kitchen.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $449,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3 P.M.

BRADFORD Better than new 8 room Colonial overlooking golf course! 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, fireplace living room, hardwood. Lots of room for expansion. Dir: Rte. 125 to 68 Towne Hill Rd.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $339,900**

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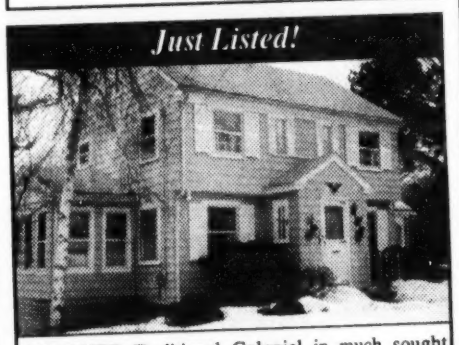

ANDOVER Traditional Colonial in much sought after in-town neighborhood. This home offers 3 bedrooms, fireplaced living room, formal dining room, hardwood floors and central air.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $411,900**

New Construction!

NORTH ANDOVER 6 room, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial with 2,263 sq. ft. of living area. Last lot available in 11 lot area. Town services, gas heat, convenient location.
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OPEN SUNDAY 1-3 P.M.

ANDOVER New! Spacious Colonial with finished walkout lower level - lots of built-ins, first floor laundry, skylights. Private lot on cul-de-sac - South School. Dir: Tewksbury St, Yardley, 10 Garfield Lane East.
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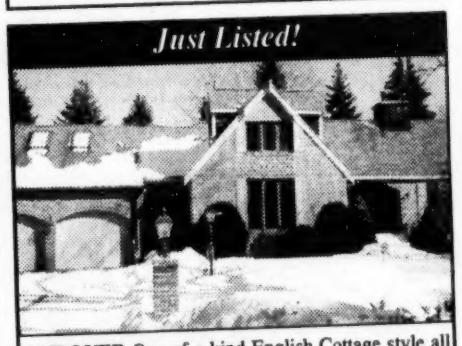

ANDOVER One-of-a-kind English Cottage style all brick Cape in sought after Sunset Rock Road area. New top-of-the-line kitchen, 3 baths, pegged floors. Exceptional amenities and curb appeal.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $579,900**

ANDOVER Commuters! Young and gracious brickfront Colonial near town and commuter train. Gleaming hardwood throughout, kitchen with granite counters, fireplace family room, 4 car garage.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $649,900**

Just Listed!

ANDOVER Warm and inviting traditional New England Colonial in beautiful wooded neighborhood near commuter routes. Country kitchen with granite, cathedral ceiling fireplace family room, master bedroom suite with new bath.
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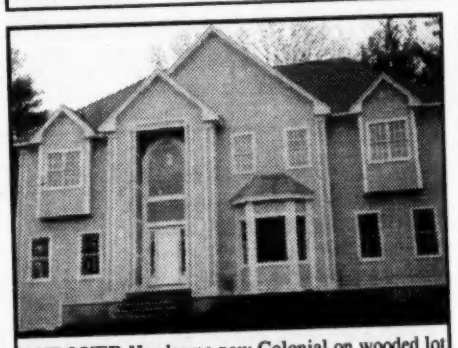
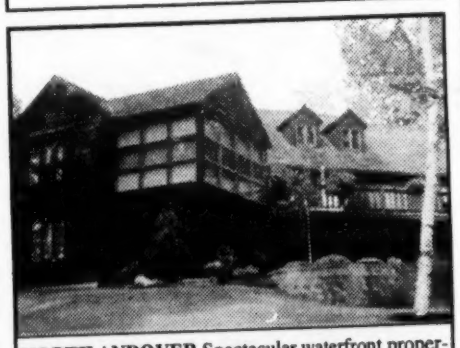


ANDOVER Handsome new Colonial on wooded lot in desirable 12 lot subdivision. 2 story balcony foyer, first floor study or guest room, vaulted ceiling master bedroom with 2 walk-in closets.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $699,900**

Last Lot Left!

BOXFORD Aldershot Estates. 4,300 sq. ft. Colonial built by Curran Construction. Quality construction with upgrades galore including 2 fireplaces, granite kitchen, central a/c, detail moldings and much more!
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $920,000**



NORTH ANDOVER Spectacular waterfront property! Magnificent English Country home on professionally landscaped 1.5+ acre lot, uniquely designed to assure panoramic lake views from 10 of the 12 well-appointed rooms.
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